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Sun 0800	WRMI	9955
Sun 1515	WRMI	9955
Mon 0300	WBCQ	9330-CLSB [irregular]
Mon 0415	WBCQ	7415 [time varies]
Tue 1100	WRMI	9955
Tue 1530	WRMI	9955
Wed 1130	WRMI	9955
Wed 2300	WBCQ	17495-CUSB

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Once again too many days have passed since the last issue, dated April 14, and we have enough material for two more issues. I originally set a standard limit of about 100K for a DXLD issue, and occasionally split a large issue into two parts, but this time I am leaving it all together in one much larger file. I assume these days an occasional large file like this does not unduly tax anyone's computer or e-mail, but if it does let me know lest I do it again.

** AGALEGA ISLAND. Re 8-047: I've been checking the DXSpots for 3B8FQ from time to time but I've noticed no reported activity. Has anyone heard him yet? (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, April 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. See GERMANY [and non]

** ALGERIA [non]. 7150, April 18 at 0542 with declamations in Arabic. This would be the Qur'an service from Algeria, via Sines, Portugal, at 04-06 and 21-23. One of the better signals on 41m, but was gone several minutes before 0600 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGUILLA. 6043.39, University Network, 0115-0125+, April 18, very weak spur from 6090 with the usual religious programming (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. Dear DXers, Radio Nacional Arcángel, LRA36, are back on 15476, with nice Spanish songs and full ID. I'm happy to copy this station again; it's one of my favorites!! Signals are good, S point peak 6. Audio clean, no noise. Gr (Maurits from Belgium Van Driessche, 2026 UT April 14, Perseus, LW 25 meter antenna, WORLD OF RADIO 1404, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Had been off since at least January 1, as per several non-reports in January DXLDs (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1404, DXLD)

LRA36 al goed in de lucht, op 15476 kHz, 1900 UT. Gr (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, April 15, bdx mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1404, DXLD)

ANTARTIDA, 15476, LRA36, Radio Nacional Arcángel San Gabriel, 1900-1920. Escuchada a partir de las 1900 que cerró África n° 1 en 15475,

programa de canciones románticas en español. Señal muy débil, y a partir de las 1920 se deterioró, volviéndose prácticamente inaudible, y sólo se notaba la portadora en USB. 13321 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, España, escucha realizada en casco urbano de Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 8 metros, April 15, WORLD OF RADIO 1404, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

LRA36, weer van de partij op 15476, vanaf 1903 UT met spaanse muziek. Meer ruis dan afgelopen dagen. Piekuur beste ontvangst 1915. Gr (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, April 16, rx; Perseus, LW 25 meter, bdx mailing list via DXLD)

LRA36, op 15476, 1925 met spaanse muziek; ontvangst iets minder dan gisteren. Gr (Maurits Van Driessche, April 17, ibid.)

I've yet to hear even a carrier on 15476 in several chex; has anyone in North America heard it again? (gh, DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. Further to Richard Cuff's comments in DXLD 8-045, the RAE web pages seem to be undergoing a change. To listen to live streaming, you should now go to <http://www.radionacional.com.ar/> and click on the RAE logo in the top third of the page. The direct link for the streaming remains as <mms://rae.telecomdatacenter.com.ar/RAE> Interestingly, it looks like RAE will be enabling download on-demand soon. There is now a "podcast" link which leads to a page which says:

"Un podcast es un archivo de audio (generalmente mp3) en el cual se vuelcan contenidos de lo más diversos. Radio Nacional utilizará los podcast para acercarle al oyente todo aquello que se piense como relevante y el usuario dispondrá su uso con una total independencia, movilidad y libertad de horario. De esta manera Radio Nacional comenzará a subir archivos que podrán ser descargados en forma gratuita para luego ser reproducidos en el lugar y momento deseado."

I must add that it's a delight to listen to their programming - an excellent mix of news, features and great music (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, April 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And just in time for the annual Malvinas nostalgia; see FALKLANDS

** ARGENTINA. Escuchando en estos momentos 2010 UT en 15345, R.N.A.- Gral Pacheco, con un sinpo de 45444 Programación habitual de Radio Nacional 870 desde Buenos Aires a través de la frecuencia de 15345 sábado y domingo. En esta ocasión anuncian cobertura especial de las elecciones en Paraguay para la audiencia de esa nacionalidad en Argentina (mencionan un millón). A mi personalmente desde hace años siempre me ha gustado más la programación de fin de semana que repite los programas domésticos, noticieros, música, publicidad, °°F'tbol!!,

que los de lunes a viernes.Cordialmente, (Tom's MÈndez, QTH: El Prat de Llobregat-Barcelona Espa0a, April 19, logsderadio yg via DXLD)

At 2130-2200 I was hearing nothing but Morocco on 15345, q.v. (gh, DXLD)

** AUSTRIA. English to NAM on 9875 [sic, must mean 9870; no time, but English shares the 0030, 0100 and 0130 semihours with German, Spanish, the azimuths progressing from 235 to 275 to 295 from Moosbrunn, per Aoki] wiped out by co-channel. A lot of music masks either station, songs, sitar, drums, flutes, some instrumentals. I waited and waited and waited for ID. Is it India, Pakistan? I'm going to guess India. Austria English so-so at 0133 on 9870 with co-channel (Bob Thomas, Bridgeport CT, April 13, via P-mail, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Certainly the AIR VBS, 335 degrees from Bangalore at 0010-0435 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. THOMSON SUPPLIES SUPER POWER MW TRANSMITTER FOR NATIONAL SERVICE ENHANCEMENT IN BANGLADESH

Las Vegas (National Association of Broadcasters Convention ó Booths SL106/SL2120) April 12, 2008 ó Bangladesh Radio (BETAR) has ordered 1000 kW radio transmitters from Thomson (Euronext Paris: 18453; NYSE: TMS) to upgrade its existing broadcast network for nationwide coverage.

As a large percentage of the Bangladesh population is located in rural areas, AM radio is very often the only way to reach and inform them. Thomson's low-power medium-wave transmitters have already been installed by BETAR radio stations across Bangladesh and the new super power transmitter from Thomson will be used to transmit and relay national radio programs throughout the country.

"Radio is the cheapest and most versatile medium for reaching out to the grass root level and is still the most widespread communication media in Bangladesh," said BETAR (Radio) Chief Engineer Shekh Ruhul Amin. "The efficiency of the new high power transmitter from Thomson will greatly increase our network efficiency meaning we will be able to use it to broadcast to 95% of the country. In addition, thanks to its energy saving capacities, the new transmitter from Thomson will help BETAR to reduce electricity consumption"

BETAR, the Bangladesh government owned national radio network has played a pivotal role towards developing the country's information networks since its creation in 1938. This year BETAR will go on air with a powerful new 1000 kW S7HP transmitter from Thomson based in its Super Power Transmitting Station at Dhamrai. The decision to choose

Thomson's solutions for this strategic medium wave project was based on the transmitter's high performance, technical compliance and compatibility with DRM (Digital Radio Mondiale) solutions.

"Thomson's 1000 kW S7HP transmitter is the only transmitter in Bangladesh through which national programs will be transmitted and relayed by other stations," said Patrick Montliaud, Senior Vice President of Thomson's Integration and Networks Solutions business unit, within the Systems division. "This transmitter will be the heart of Bangladesh BETAR (Radio) and we are proud to be the solution provider for such an important national project."

About S7HP

The S7HP transmitter line is Thomson's answer to the needs of high quality analog and DRM LW/MW performance from 300 kW to 1200 kW and more. Built exclusively on digital processing techniques, S7HP is equipped with the advanced modulation technology and intrinsic flexibility needed for the complex modulation schemes of digital modulation techniques.

The S7HP holds the world's record for output power in DRM mode vs. analog/PEP capability. The transmitters feature reduced floor space design combined with full access. Customers esteem the easy, low-cost installation, operation and maintenance of this transmitter line (via Steve Whitt, UK, MWC via DXLD)

?? The first graf refers to 1000 kW transmitters (plural), but the rest of the story is about ONE transmitter. There is a slight difference. WTFK?! The present listed 1000 kW transmitter is Dhaka-A on 693 kHz. Is this to replace it? Something wrong with it? I don't see the name Dhamrai in WRTH listings as a transmitter site or anything else (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. IDIOMAS NA BOLIVIA --- COMO CURIOSIDADE --- Fizeram uma nova Constitui  o na Bol  via que falta aprova  o; se aprovado ser  o 37 idiomas oficiais (tenho d  vidas se todos t  m gram  tica e/ou s  o considerados idiomas). Existem programas ou partes de programas de r  dio em algumas emissoras locais nestes dialetos ou idiomas. Os mais destacados s  o Quechua, Aymara, Guaran   e Moje  o. Vai o texto abaixo:

NUEVA CONSTITUCI  N POL  TICA DEL ESTADO (BOLIVIA)

Art  culo 5. I. Son idiomas oficiales del Estado el castellano y todos los idiomas de las naciones y pueblos ind  gena originario campesinos, que son el aymara, araona, baure, b  siro, canichana, cavine  o, cayubaba, ch  cobo, chim  n, ese ejja, guaran  , guaras  iwe, guarayu, itonama, leco, machajuyai-kallawayaya, machineri, maropa, moje  o-

trinitario, mojeño-ignaciano, moré, mosetén, movima, pacawara, puquina, quechua, siriono, tacana, tapiete, toromona, uru-chipaya, weenhayek, yaminawa, yuki, yuracaré y zamuco.

(Rogildo Fontenelle Aragão, Quillacollo, Bolivia, 17° 23' 00. 65" S, 66° 15' 49. 60" W, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4865, R. Logos, Santa Cruz; 17 April. Spanish 2239 Cuban Salsa music, 2241 OM and YL talks, 2247-2251 romantic Spanish music. R. Logos won the battle against Brazilian stations on 4865 (I'm not certain if the stronger R. Alvorada de Londrina-PR was on) for few minutes, fading and unreadable, 22422 (Lucio Otávio Bobrowski, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4699v, Radio San Miguel, Riberalta, 1032 with time check for 1030, running two minutes slow, good signal. Seems to sign on earlier than other 60 meter band Bolivians. 14 April.

4716.19, Radio Yura, Yura, 0930 on the air a half hour early, unusual for Radio Yura (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach, SE FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Date?

** BRAZIL. Rádio Gazeta, São Paulo, 15325, 1852 April 17 with music from CCR "Have you ever seen the rain" + ID. Rx = Perseus, antenna LW 25meter Gr (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Another one I have had no luck in capturing here, HNL (gh, OK, DXLD)

** BURMA [non]. South Asian music on 11540, April 17 at 1419, fair with deep slow fading. Missed any announcement around 1430 since I was mainly listening to KUNM's excellent call-in show, Thursdays at 1400-1500. 11540 gone at 1438 recheck. Per Aoki this is RFA Burmese via Tinian at 1330-1430 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CFRX: In brief, last year CFRX [6070] went off the air because of two problems. First, its shortwave transmitter gave up the ghost and couldn't be repaired. And then some contractor doing work at the antenna facility accidentally knocked down the transmitting antenna. Since then I've heard that they've purchased a new transmitter, but I don't know if it has been delivered yet, and that they will be getting back on the air once they can get everything set up. So CFRX should be back on the air sometime in the next few months.

In the meantime, if you really miss listening to them you can hear CFRB on the web at <http://www.cfrb.com> and of course you can listen at 1010 kHz if you're within listening distance of Toronto (Greg Shoom, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, April 15, ODXA yg via DXLD) The antenna was returned to vertical a while ago (several weeks ago at least). Well,

not exactly vertical, but close enough (Jim Orcheson, ibid.)

** CANADA. CBCNQ's decrepit transmitter on 9625 was not especially strong but in the clear, April 18 at 0127 with interview in presumed Inuktituk, occasional English words mixed in. But despite overall low modulation level, distorting on peaks, much worse by one speaker, on the phone? than the other. This again produced spurious spikes on the hi side matching the modulation peaks, audible from 9638 to 9660 and peaking around 9645 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CRI in Chinese, very weak on 15260, April 17 at 1415, // and synchronized with Sackville on 15220. This could be easily explained as a leapfrog mixing product over Sackville 15240 Sweden relay --- except 15240 was not on the air at that time! Furthermore, CRI is on 15260 via Sackville, before, not after 1400. So I guess this 15260 was a plain old spur, or maybe a transmitter that was not turned completely off. Nothing to match on minus 40 kHz from 15220, 15180, other than a very weak carrier from something (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA [non]. The RCI relay via Emirler, Turkey, English at 0100-0200 on 9620 at 105 degrees, has been reduced from 500 to only 250 kW (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHAD. 4905, R. Chad; 13-April. French, 2116 African selections with prevalence of slow music alternating short YL announcements, 2200 OM and YL talks presumed news, 2214 African music alternating short announcements. Best signal around 2157 with SINPO 33333 (L'cio Ot-vio BobrŰwiec, Embu, SP, Brasil, Sony ICF SW40, dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Glenn, Heard Chad National Radio very early this morning, maybe 0400-0430 on 4905, in French, with music, and positive ID in French. It is good to hear it back after the turmoil in this country (Chris Lewis, England, April 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. Firedrake on 9845, April 16 at 1322, on top of a weaker station. Per Aoki the other station is: VOA Chinese at 1200-1300 via Tinian, then 1300-1500 via Tinang (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CUBA; USA [and non]

Every local dawn, 1115 UT, on 7280 comes this Chinese fanfare with lots of percussion which I found enjoyable after all, and assume is Xi Wang Zhi Sheng SOH 1100-1200 1234567 Chinese 300 325 Tanshui TWN 12129E2513 SOH a08.

But these people are for some unknown reason against WYFR Spanish after 1200 as I have found them in the background // 9605 and 13800.

They got to be clashing with some other broadcasters at the same time. Is it Firedrake? 73 (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Raul, You left out the asterisk with the 7280 Sound of Hope listing from Aoki, which means it is jammed (of course). Yes, that is the Firedrake jamming you are hearing and not SOH itself unless it is somewhere underneath.

I don't see anything listed at 1200 on 9605 or 13800 which would draw Firedrake jamming; are you saying it was // 7280? BBC Chinese via Singapore starts at 1300 on 9605 and no doubt it is jammed then (Glenn, ibid.)

Sure Glenn, I have been bouncing on recent early local mornings from one frequency to another of those three mentioned and it is in fact the same audio from 7280. Well, now you have clarified BBC Chinese starts at 1300 on 9605 but not readable for me, but 13800 remains uncertain (Ra'l, ibid.)

More Firedrake detected on my early morning. Today Friday was clashing with WYFR Spanish 6085 at 1100. On 9575 at 1200. At 1300 on 11990, waiting for VOA Chinese. 73. Good Listening (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, April 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17611, Firedrake Dragon, 1340-1345, escuchada el 18 de abril emisi n de m sica jammer china probablemente contra La Voz del Tibet, SINPO 45544. 73 (Jos  Miguel Romero, Spain, ibid.)

** CHINA [and non]. Re 8-047: Our friend Drita sent me photocopies of the first pages of the instruction manual for the SW100F SW transmitter made in China and installed at Shijak. On page 1 it says "The SW100F shortwave broadcasting transmitter is designed on the basis of the SW150A high power broadcasting transmitter, referring to the Type 420C shortwave broadcasting transmitter made by US Continental Co."

So it's no secret where the original came from. 420C is the 500 kW model installed by Continental in Xinjiang and Yunnan (five each). At least the Xinjiang units appear to have feeders leading to additional antennas beaming east and south (Lhasa) for transmissions that will never appear in the HFCC schedules (Olle Alm, Sweden, April 14, WORLD OF RADIO 1404, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 4830, China Huayi BC: nice CHBC "Shoushan stone" QSL folder card, full data, in 16 day, v/s Qiao Xiaoli. QSL and stamps on the envelope well worth the \$3. This was in addition to a E-QSL already received (Ron Howard, CA, April 15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 4900, Voice of the Strait-Fuzhou (tentative), 1225-1305+ 17 April. Fair to very good in Chinese dialect (Amoy listed) with ads, Chinese contem-pop, 5+1 pips at TOH and partial ID: "Haixia, guangpo diantai", also what sounded like part of a URL in English "V O S..", back to Chinese AC/pops and phone calls (Dan Sheedy, CA, R75/EF102040, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 7165, Nei Menggu PBS, Hohhot, 1540-1556, April 13, Chinese service noted here hetted by R Ethiopia which was on exact 7165.00 for several days but has now drifted back up again to usual 7165.12. Easily IDed as // 9520 was audible as well; believe I could also hear their Mongolian service at 1553 on 7210 buried under co/channel RFA Korean (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, April 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. According to Zhoushan Meteorological Agency <http://www.zsyqx.com> Zhoushan Maritime Meteorological Radio Station started official shortwave transmission on March 23. They broadcast maritime meteorological information to about 100,000 ships in East China sea at 0000, 0300, 1100. The signal is expected to reach as far as 1000 km from the station. Shortwave was thought to be the best solution for the last One Mile problem to the fishery ships. The program contains weather forecast of 2 hours ago by China Central Meteorological Observatory, and disaster forecast by Zhoushan local Meteorological Observatory in case of emergency.

The frequency was not given, but I found and confirmed the broadcast on 3303 kHz USB at 1100. The broadcast was in Chinese for about 2.5 minutes every day, giving the weather information of Taiwan strait. The mailing address of the station was investigated as, Meicen Road, Putuoshan, Putuo District, Zhoushan, Zhejiang, China, telephone +86 580 8080277. Zhoushan is located on the island 100 km south east of Shanghai (Takahito Akabayashi, Japan, April 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA. After a couple of silent weeks, the Guapiles ELCOR transmitter seems to be showing from today Friday 18 a new sked. Found it at 2145, so I guess the new one hour testing must be running from 2130 to 2230. 73 (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) And less DXable way before dark (gh)

** COSTA RICA. 9764, 0303 29/3, Radio Exterior de España relay noted off frequency putting bad het on Bucharest 9765 in Spanish. Spanish program running slightly behind // 6055 from Madrid (Bryan Clark at Mangawhai, New Zealand with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWE to NE and various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas, April NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** COSTA RICA [and non]. REE relay, 5970, 1237 April 17 in Spanish, phone interview, muffled modulation, confirmed by // 15170. Mixing with something in Korean, which by 1251 had gained the upper hand. That's YFR via Komsomol'sk, per Aoki. Strangely enough, this Cariari relay was not 1 kHz off frequency but almost on-frequency, producing a SAH varying slightly around 5 Hz. This REE transmission is scheduled M-F only at 1100-1400 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. WAITING FOR SNOW IN HABANA, by Carlos Eire

Book recommendation: I saw an interview with the author on OETA's Writing Out Loud, April 14. Born in 1952, he recounts what the revolution was like for a young child, and the aftermath for him and his splintered family. He escaped to the USA. The haunted look in his eyes is striking today. Google for much more info and/or check for it at your library, or the usual mailorder sources. National Book Award winner (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. More in the never-ending stream of anomalies from Habana:

April 14 at 2029 I was tuned to 11750 and heard the RHC Portuguese broadcast to Europe closing, claiming to be on 17750. At the studio they have no idea what is going on at the transmitters. Then into Arabic.

April 16 at 1258, RN Venezuela relay on 11705 was somewhat distorted, and accompanied by awful noisy spurs roughly plus and minus 10 kHz, and gaps in between those and 11705 itself. As usual, ran slightly past 1300, but open carrier stayed on and on and on, and along with it the spurs even with no modulation at all on the center frequency.

Finally they all went off at 1324, uncovering on 11715 a leapfrog mixing product from two other Cuban transmitters, RHC 11805 over 11760, 45 kHz further down. 11805 was slightly more distorted than 11760. The 11715 spur was quite weak by comparison, but enough to block also weak KJES as each faded in and out.

April 16 at 1320 I found bubble jamming against nothing on 9805, S9+12 apparently from only one transmitter so you could hear the bubbling rather than the wall of noise from multiple transmitters. This was left over from the R. Martí transmission at 1000-1300.

April 16 at 1348 I noticed that the CRI relay was missing from 9570, during the scheduled English hour at 1300. I know it was on before 1300 in Chinese as I tuned by and noticed it was more undermodulated and distorted than usual.

There was marked improvement in audio quality between Arnie Coro in

the body of DXers Unlimited, and the standard closing with theme music; I believe this was on one of the frequencies around 0555 UT Wednesday April 16, tho I did not log it. Seems that before this, the standard closing, which is the same recording every time, had better matched the degraded telephone-quality audio that Arnie has explained he deliberately uses for better intelligibility during the show. Perhaps they have re-done it, or neglected to run it thru the same audio degrading process as the new content of the show.

CRI relay on 9570, partially missing April 16, was totally missing April 17 at 1246 in Chinese, and after 1300 in English. This transmitter has been ailing for a long time. Wonder if any other CRI relays or even RHC frequencies are missing in other dayparts? 9570 was back April 18 before and after 1300 with usual crummy modulation.

DentroCuban Jamming command grinding away against nothing on 5980, April 17 at 1253, long after R. Marti had closed at 1200. They may fear that Marti will play games with scheduling to thwart jammers, but seems to me Marti stays right on its registered frequency schedule, no matter what.

Instead of a roughly equal collision on 6180, April 18 at 0550 VOA English via Greenville was way on top, partly due to doubling power, but also at the time, RHC was quite undermodulated, while // 6060 had a big hum, but 6000 was normal.

R. Rebelde, 5025, has not taken my advice to pay attention to R. Reloj, because April 18 at 0601 I found their timesignal was still 1 minute and 21 seconds later than WWV --- if you believe the nearby yanqui imperialist time station, that is.

RHC leapfrog on 6300 was much stronger than usual April 19 at 0600 in ``news`` in English, S9 +18. Modulation nowhere near as heavy as on 6180, and 6060 had a lot of hum not heard on 6300.

RHC spur on exactly 15000, weak, fading in and out, 1319 April 19. I assume it had something to do with the extremely strong signal on 15370 tho there's nothing known on band for it to mix with.

RHC on both 13750 and 13760, not usually the case, April 19 at 1321, but they were an echo apart, different sites or program feed routing, with a report from Guatemala during Despertar con Cuba; 13760 is never very strong, and 13750 was a much bigger signal. Nothing on 13680. I could also hear the two signals echoing on 13740 (no CRI relay on yet), but if they are really from two different transmitter sites, the 13740 mix is more likely receiver-produced (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Anyone hearing this? RHC, 6000 kHz, 0124+ 17 April. A segment that included an interview with Arnie Coro about how he was installing transmitters on 15 April, 1961 during the Bay of Pigs attacks. He states he was monitoring shortwave and the CIA's Swan Island transmitter upon learning of the attack. He states that he saw "... at least one dead American... from one of the B-26's... from the Alabama National Guard..."

News items from 0131, with Arnie's canned/phoned-in audio very telco (I know, I know, he says it's not true), and the female live-read (at least, the first time aired) with non-telco audio (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No, but we may if we listen again during the usual +2 and +4 hour repeat cycle (Glenn, ibid.) 6000, RHC, 0522 17 April. Tnx Terry/Glenn for the tip, heard Arnie Coro interviewed briefly about his memories of the Bay of Pigs invasion in mid-April, 1961 (Dan Sheedy, CA, R75/EF102040, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CZECHIA [and non]. Summer A-08 of Radio Prague:

CZECH	0130-0157	on	6200	7345
	0230-0257	on	7345	9870
	0830-0857	on	11600	15710
	0930-0957	on	9880	21745
	1100-1127	on	11665	15710
	1230-1257	on	6055	7345
	1530-1557	on	5930	17485
	1730-1757	on	5930	17485
	1930-1957	on	5930	11600
	2100-2127	on	9410	11600
	2330-2357	on	7345	9440

ENGLISH	0000-0027	on	7345	9440
	0100-0127	on	6200	7345
	0300-0327	on	7345	9870
	0330-0357	on	6080	SAC
	0330-0357	on	9445	11600
	0700-0727	on	9880	11600
	0900-0927	on	9880	21745
	0900-0927	on	9955	RMI
	1030-1057	on	9880	11665
	1300-1327	on	13580	17540
	1330-1357	on	9850	WOF Fri/Sat in DRM
	1400-1427	on	9955	RMI
	1600-1627	on	5930	17485
	1700-1727	on	5930	17485
	2000-2027	on	5930	11600
	2130-2157	on	9410	11600

2230-2257 on 7345 9415

GERMAN 0630-0657 on 5930 7345
1000-1027 on 6055 9880
1200-1227 on 6055 7345
1300-1327 on 9845-9850-9855 WOF Fri/Sat in DRM
1500-1527 on 5930
1630-1657 on 11825 ARM

FRENCH 0600-0627 on 5930 7345
0730-0757 on 9880 11600
1330-1357 on 13580 17540
1630-1657 on 5930 17485
1830-1857 on 5930 13580
2200-2227 on 7345 9415

RUSSIAN 0400-0427 on 9445 11600
1130-1157 on 11665 15710
1430-1457 on 7345 13580
1800-1827 on 5840 DB

SPANISH 0000-0027 on 11665 ASC + test on 7275 ASC Mon-Fri
0030-0057 on 7345 9440
0200-0227 on 6200 7345
0430-0457 on 9955 RMI
0800-0827 on 11600 15710
0930-0957 on 9955 RMI
1400-1427 on 11625 13580
1800-1827 on 5930 13580
1900-1927 on 5930 13580
2030-2057 on 5930 11600
2300-2327 on 7345 9415
2330-2357 on 6000 SAC

ARM=Armavir, Russia ASC=Ascension Island
DB=Dushanbe, Tajikistan RMI=WRMI, USA
SAC=Sackville, Canada WOF=Wooferton, U.K.
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, April 15, via DXLD)

?? As I have pointed out more than once, there are additional R.
Prague/Praga relays via WRMI, if you just look at their April grid:
<http://www.wrmi.net/images/wrmichart.xls>
Namely M-F 23-24, repeated M-F at 06-07, first English, then Spanish.
Is no one paying attention? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Special QSL card --- Radio Prague is issuing a special QSL card on the
occasion of the 85th anniversary of Czech Radio's first regular
broadcast. If you'd like to obtain your own copy, make sure to send us
a reception report from our programme on the exact date of the

anniversary: May 18, 2008. From the R. Prague website
<http://www.radio.cz/en/article/103102>
73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, April 17, dxldyg via DXLD)

Estimados colegas diexistas: Envío a ustedes la siguiente información, muy interesante, que desde Valparaíso me han hecho saber:

"Tarjeta QSL especial con ocasión de 85 aniversario de la Radiodifusión Checa Con motivo del 85 aniversario de la Radiodifusión Checa Radio Praga ofrece una tarjeta QSL especial que enviaremos a todos los oyentes que nos remitan un informe de recepción con la fecha del 18 de mayo. Ese día, hace 85 años, se iniciaron las transmisiones regulares de radio en Checoslovaquia."

Ver en: <http://www.radio.cz/es/edicion/103089>

Saludos, (Eduardo Peñailillo, April 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. He aquí algunas captaciones hechas en la noche del miércoles desde la terraza de mi QTH familiar, utilizando el receptor Grundig S350DL y su antena de ferrita.

Radio María de La Altagracia 1240 AM, desde Santo Domingo, Rep Dominicana. A las 0223 UT, anunciaron que pasaban a transmitir la programación de Radio María desde ciudad de Panamá en Panamá. En la identificación dijeron así: ``...sta es Radio María de la Altagracia transmitiendo desde la capital dominicana.``

Nota: Me podrían informar qué emisoras aparecen en WRTH 2008 en la frecuencia 1240 AM en República Dominicana. En el WRTH del 2004 que es el que poseo, aparecen dos emisoras: Radio Revelación y Radio Barahona. Me imagino que con esta Radio María de la Altagracia deberían aparecer tres, a menos que una de las dos anteriores haya desaparecido o cambiado de nombre. Un abrazo para todos (José Elías Díaz Gómez, Apartado Postal 488, Código Postal 6001-A, Barcelona, Venezuela. <http://sintoniadx.spaces.live.com/> condiglist yg via DXLD)

Estimado JE, Solo hay dos en WRTH 2008: Radio Vida en Puerto Plata, y Radio María en Sto Domingo. Esto aclarece su captación anterior, que en realidad es RD y no Panamá. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Saludos cordiales querido amigo Glenn. Espero te encuentres muy bien. Positivo querido amigo, es así. Entonces quiere decir que Radio Revelación que estaba en Puerto Plata es ahora Radio Vida y me imagino que Radio Barahona pasó a la cadena Radio María y le cambiaron el nombre. Un fuerte abrazo para ti y gracias por tu comentario (José Elías Díaz Gómez, Venezuela, ibid.)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 5009.79, Radio Cristal Int. 2345-2359*, April 18, Spanish talk. Announcements. Promos with sound effects. Presumed.

No ID heard. Fair signal, but some announcements with low modulation (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. HCJB, 11960 in Spanish, caught two ID breaks April 17. They still don't announce frequencies, so they can't be wrong; at 1314:30 gave a long E-mail address which I couldn't copy but it had radiosembamiento (?) in it, as in planting seeds; at 1329:30 it was the P-mail address instead (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EL SALVADOR. Radio CRET which according to WRTH 2008 is inactive - is now on the air again - with test transmissions on its original MW frequency of 1080 kHz. What is more encouraging is that they emit a strong second harmonic on 2159.92 kHz. Monitored in Guatemala at 0230 UT (Sunday night) with a strong signal which I anticipate will easily make it to North America and perhaps even Europe. One ID is: "Desde San Salvador transmite Radio CRET 1080 kHz en su señal de prueba". They also announced tel. 26710317 in case you catch the station and want to inform them about reception.

Radio Imperial which used to broadcast on 17 MHz till quite recently has neither transmitter nor aerial left at the station's premises in the outskirts of Sonsonate in Northern El Salvador, so I don't think that it is very likely they will ever return. They now operate on 810 kHz with 500 W only. Best 73's (Stig Hartvig Nielsen (Guatemala), April 14, HCDX via DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA [and non]. Just as we were hearing R. Africa reactivated on 15190, underneath WYFR to Brasil, which had just come on at 2200, the latter was being heard in Brasil with zero interference (gh)

15190, ESTADOS UNIDOS: WYFR, Okeechobee, PP, 12/04 2207. ID ðWYFRí, programa ðA Biblia falaí, leitura no Evangelho de Lucas, capítulo 4, 45544 (RUDOLF WALTER GRIMM, SVO BERNARDO-SP, BRASIL, RX 1: SONY ICF2001D, ANT.: VERT 3 M INDOOR + ACOPLADOR MCJ, (REOSTATO, CAPACITOR, TERRA DO ACOPLADOR TEB MTA-1), RX 2: KENWOOD R-1000, ANT.: HORIZONTAL 22 M + ACOPLADOR TEB MTA-1, @tividade DX April 13 via DXLD)

15190, Radio Africa, 2202-2255*, April 14, Pastor Tony Alamo with his program #474, gives mailing address (P. O. Box 6467, Texarkana, Texas 75505) plus phone and fax numbers, Porter Wagoner singing "The Dream", station ID: "Thank you for listening to Radio Africa, inspirational ð We are excited to share with you ð", gives email address (radioafrica [at] myway.com) and address in Ghana spelled out (something like: P.O. Box ???, Kanonme??, Accra??, Ghana), noticeable QRM at about 2240 (assume WYFR in Portuguese), fair-poor. Reception reports can be sent via <http://www.radiopanam.com/qsrlreports.htm>

Thanks to Glenn for the heads up (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

It's Cantonment, as they spelt it out, in my original report (gh)

5005, Guinea Ecuatorial, RN Guinea Ecuatorial, Bata; 13-April. Spanish 2224-2235 African music selections. 23233 (L'cio Ot·vio BobrŰwiec, Embu, SP, Brasil, Sony ICF SW40, dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Since it first reappeared April 11, R. Africa, 15190 has shown up every day, as confirmed by at least brief chex, such as April 14 at 2030. Usually very good signal with variety of preachers in English in a variety of modulation qualities.

Also April 15 at 2221, VG, with no sign of WYFR co-channel, which overrode it on the first day, but unseems there subsequently. R. Africa programming ended sometime after 2230, as I was not listening closely, still open carrier at 2300, when maybe there was a trace of WYFR under. Wanted to catch when Bata finally turned off transmitter, but when I rechecked at 2350 it was just presumed weak WYFR. Apparently WYFR propagation to here on this frequency is quite variable, often ceding to the big signal from central Africa.

Aoki shows this as 50 kW at 164 degrees, which means SSE towards South Africa, and the same for all transmissions on this frequency, whether denominated R. Africa, R. Africa-2, or even R. East Africa. From the big signal over here one would think it's axually aimed our way over West Africa. I wonder if they made some antenna changes during their long absence (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5005, Radio Nacional-Bata, 2245-2258*, April 15, African choral music. Sign off with National Anthem at 2256. Poor to fair in noisy conditions. Also heard next day, April 16, at 2257 sign off with National Anthem.

15190, Radio Africa, 2215-2250*, April 16, English religious programming. Closing ID announcements & e-mail address at 2249 & off. Fair to good audio at this time but heard earlier with poor, distorted programming. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Did you hear 15190? How can anybody stand that? Huge signal but distorted telephonic audio while this preacher is crying his heart out, all the way between 2040 to 2110 from Radio Africa-Bata. Even for the English speaking people, I find hard to get a word. 73 (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, April 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, Radio Africa, 2149-2152, April 16, station ID: "Thank you for listening to Radio Africa", gives email address (radioafrica [at]

myway.com) and address in Ghana spelled out (almost certain it's: P.O. Box 3741, Cantonment Accra, Ghana), start of the usual Pastor Tony Alamo religious programming, today's program # 520, fair to good, audio not that bad here (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, Radio Africa (presumed); 2151-2232+, 16 April; English religious program; no break at ToH or BoH. SIO=3+42, QRM from WYFR English Bible thumpage via Ascension on 15195 and mucho QRN; improved slightly after 2200 with 15195 gone. Listened to this far longer than I could stand. Nothing there at 2123, 17 April (Harold Frodge, MI, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

Heard announcement very clearly at 2021 today. It is certain the post office box is 3741. Very slow and repeated the information. Indeed, full address is Radio Africa, Post Office Box 3741, Cantonment, Accra, Ghana (Don Jensen, WI, NASWA yg via DXLD)

15190, Radio Africa, 1648-1703, 17-04, programa religioso en inglÈs, locutor, sermÙn, identificaciÙn a las 1700: "Radio Africa" y direcciÙn de la emisora en Ghana. 45444 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Espaàa, escucha realizada en casco urbano de Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 8 metros, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Was listening Radio Africa-Bata with good signal and not distorted audio as happened yesterday. 2100 with female announcer giving a lot of addresses of different evangelical ministries. Splatter from VOA Hausa on adjacent Greenville 15185, per Aoki A08 pointing at 94J, 73 (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, April 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) That's at 2030-2100 M-F only (gh)

No sign of either Bata 5005 or Radio Africa 15190 today, April 18, at various checks between 1730-2230 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) So it lasted 7 days (gh)

15190 R. Africa - I just tried for this using a Kaito receiver with just the whip. No signal at all, is anyone with better equipment hearing them? I tried at 1900 April 18 (Hans Johnson, Naples FL, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Hi Hans, Well, I'm in Europe ñ in the UK - and I have them now (2130 UT), but signal on its last legs and fading quite badly now. Perhaps not a very useful comparison considering our different locations, but if you were just enquiring as to whether they're on air, yes they are. Best 73, (Simon Guettier, ibid.)

There were conflicting reports about whether R. Africa was on the air Friday. Please check today. At 1830 April 19 I hear nothing on 15190.

(Glenn Hauser, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No signal at 1839 UT on 15190 in Barcelona, Spain. Cordialmente,
(Tom's MÈndez, El Prat de Llobregat-Barcelona España, ibid.)

15190 seems to be off air today (as yesterday). I checked this morning around 0900 and after 1700 - the time it had signed on for the evening transmission earlier in the week (Dave Kenny, UK, ibid.)

Nothing here (Roberto Scaglione, Sicily, 1853 UT April 19, ibid.)

Not trusting propagation from yesterday Friday 18, as I noticed the commonly blaster WYFR Portuguese on 15190 very poor at 2200, I decided to wait for our colleagues reports and there you go. Now is confirmed that Radio Africa-Bata was absent yesterday as well as today. 73 (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, April 19, ibid.)

No sign of R. Africa, 15190 on Friday April 18, nor on Saturday April 19, when checked at 1830; at 2200, 15190 bore only WYFR in Portuguese. So it looks like this latest spurt of activity from R. Africa lasted seven days, as I first discovered it April 11 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 7110, Radio Ethiopia, 2045-2100*, April 16, Horn of African music. Closing announcements in Amharic and sign off with National Anthem at 2059. Fair (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FALKLAND ISLANDS [and non]. Este fin de semana un nuevo programa de La Rosa de Tokio, que se emite por LS11 Radio Provincia de Buenos Aires en la frecuencia de AM 1270 kHz, y en Internet por <http://www.amprovincia.com.ar> el s·bado a las 2300 hora argentina, es decir 0200 UT del domingo. TambiÈn se difunde por WRMI Radio Miami Internacional, FM OxiÈgeno de Chile, por La Voz de Rusia y estar· disponible en Programas DX. A partir del s·bado 19 de abril se sumar· una red de 20 emisoras argentinas.

En el programa de hoy iniciamos una investigaci·n especial de 2 programas dedicados a la actividad de los medios de comunicaci·n durante la Guerra en el Atl·ntico Sur en 1982. Hoy escucharemos el Capitulo Primero con el t·tulo: "La Radiodifusi·n durante la Guerra de Las Islas Malvinas".

Extraordinario programa que contiene grabaciones de Època, entrevistas a radiodifusores participantes, grabaciones de pilotos militares comunicando con aeropuerto y opiniones de afamados diexistas.

No se pueden perder este fenomenal espacio de "La Rosa de Tokio". Si

desea ponerse en contacto con el programa, lo puede hacer en:
dxradio @ argentina.com

Horarios de WRMI por la frecuencia de 9955 kHz
Sábados y domingos a las 0700 y los lunes a las 2200 UT
También por Internet en: <http://www.wrmi.net>

Está disponible cualquier día y a cualquier hora en:
<http://es.geocities.com/programasdx/larosa.htm>

Si desea escuchar otros programas de existas en español lo puede hacer
en: <http://es.geocities.com/programasdx/>
Cordiales 73 (José Bueno, Córdoba, España, dxldyg via DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

I listened to it on the LS11 webcast from 0203. Lots of the same audio
heard in previous documentaries, including the Dutch one from RN (gh,
DXLD)

** FRANCE. AWR via Issoudun: As in 8-046, please check between 1700
and 1730 to find out whether there is a gap on 17575 or not. Tnx,
(Glenn, April 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Listened to what I would presume to be their program in Somali to
1658 or so on 17575 (carrier dropped), but nothing came up or
continued on the frequency past that time. Could it be only M-F
perhaps? (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, USA, April 19, ibid.)

Yes, Sat April 19 checked 17575 at 1705 and heard nothing, no carrier,
whilst at 1732 recheck there was a weak signal in unID language (Glenn
Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The Media Broadcast schedule shows 17575 1630-1700 and 1730-1759, both
Issoudun 250 kW towards 135 deg., but clearly as two different
transmissions, and both daily. The only non-daily AWR transmission via
Media Broadcast is the special Forlì relic of Italian on Sundays only,
0900-1000 on 9710 via Nauen, using the old RBI antenna.

Btw, some of these Media Broadcast bookings at Issoudun are
replacements for Flevoland/Zeewolde which had been used back in last
year instead. See also here, with link to audio and photos of the
close-down party:
<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/dutch-broadcast-transmitter-museum>
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, April 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. Latest information from Littoral AM test (Dave G8SZX
Towers, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

Hi Dave, Thanks a lot for your comments, for the moment we've not a website in English but we'll translate it in English later! You can have some informations on Littoral AM test on the Transradio website! I give you the link:
http://www.broadcast-transradio.com/DRMTRAIL_LITTORAL_ENGL.pdf [sic]

We broadcast in DRM mode Monday, Tuesday and Friday - 5H50 am to 7H05 pm UT, Wednesday to Thursday -- 5H50 am UT (Wednesday) to 7H05 pm UT (Thursday). We broadcast in AM mode 1593 kHz - Saturday to Sunday (and the night of Saturday to Sunday) -- 6H50 am to 5H05 pm UT.

We'll send you a QSL of Littoral AM following the sending of your reception report! Best Regards (Frederic Guyon, Technical Manager, f.guyon @ littoralam. fr <http://www.littoralam.fr>
<http://www.radionumerique-bretagne.com>
<http://littoralinfo.over-blog.com>

Address: Littoral AM
La ChaumiÈre
F-22120 Pommeret
France (via Dave Towers, ibid.)

FRANCE LITTORAL AM, 1593, 0650 GMT, 33433, 19 APRIL --- Test transmission - "You're listening to Littoral Media - this is a test programme diffused from our transmitters at Saint-GouÉno, Brittany" (Simon Guettier, Aylesbury, UK, Winradio G313e, Racal 6790, AOR 7030, 3 x EWE Antennas (N,W,S), 15 metre L/W, MFJ 959C, Timewave DSP, Quantum Phaser, <http://simonguettier.wordpress.com/> BDXC-UK via DXLD)

Surprised at their AM signal this evening on 1593 punching through WDR's DRM quite nicely. On the littoralam.fr website they say they use 50 kW daytime and 5 kW evenings/nights.

Don't understand why they then announce the
<http://www.radionumerique-bretagne.com>
website on-air as it's such a mouthful

But at least on that website you can send them a reception report online (en franÁais) (Mark Hattam, UK, April 19, MWC via DXLD)

** FRANCE [and non]. CHANGES IN FRENCH INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING

A new umbrella organization of RFI, France 24 and TV5 has been founded on Wednesday. It was supposed to be called France Monde, but presumably a new name will be chosen out of consideration for TV5.
http://www.rfi.fr/actufr/articles/100/article_65097.asp

TV5 partners Belgium, Switzerland and Canada object to French-only

control over the network. On Thursday hefty disputes erupted in a meeting; the representatives from these countries did not return after a lunch break, so the meeting had to be closed without any results.
<http://www.radio-canada.ca/nouvelles/societe/2008/04/16/005-TV5-reunion-CA.shtml>
<http://www.centpapiers.com/TV5-La-Francophonie-tient-tete-a,3586>

Switzerland already threatened that they could withdraw from TV5.
<http://www.20min.ch/news/schweiz/story/24907754>

Nothing about RFI in the publicity about the organization that was supposed to be called France Monde. But it appears that anything is possible, considering that Nicolas Sarkozy explicitly wants the English France 24 channel to close down.
<http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=3096>
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, April 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GABON. Noted on 16 April at 1840 the Gabon transmitter on 4777 is putting out weak/fair level harmonic on 9554. Mainly only a carrier as the fundamental was low modulated. Simultaneously signed off at about 1900 (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, dxldyg via DXLD)

** GERMANY [and non]. Radio 700, Germany testing on 6005 kHz April 14, 2008 --- The German private broadcaster Radio 700 has started test transmissions on 6005 kHz. The transmitter is located in Kall-Krekel and the power is 1 kW. The station broadcast also on FM, in cable and in Internet. The start of regular transmissions is planned for May 2008 (Radio 700 via Reijo Alapiha, Finland)

Radio 700 website (I think!) says 6005 kHz was allocated to them in November 2007, is used for special broadcasts and will expand duration from early 2008:

Kurzwellen Frequenzen

Radio 700 hat im November 2007 die Kurzwellenfrequenz 6005 kHz zugeteilt bekommen. Diese wird momentan bei besonderen Anlässen aktiviert. Mit einer Dauerausstrahlung des Programms rechnen wir ab Anfang 2008. <http://www.radio700.de/index.php> (from DXing the Finnish Way <http://finndxer.wordpress.com/> via Alan Pennington, April 16, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

This will conflict with other 6005 broadcasts, depending on the hours, such as R. Tirana (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Drita, thank you for the information concerning the use of 6005. We will have a test on Sunday, 20th April (tomorrow) from about 7 UT until the evening on 6005 kHz. Regular start of programme on 6005 is scheduled from the beginning of May 2008. Best regards from Euskirchen

(Christian Milling, Radio 700, April 19, to and via Drita «iÁo, R. Tirana monitoring via DXLD)

** GERMANY [non]. Deutsche Welle to test via Bonaire on 5905 kHz to AUS/NZ --- Deutsche Welle will test 5905 kHz (beam 210 degrees) in German to Australia/New Zealand from Bonaire at 0900-0959 UTC for 7 days commencing Saturday 19 April. This will be in parallel with the scheduled transmission on 9855 kHz at 0800-1000 UT (April 16th, 2008 - 13:57 UTC by Andy, Media Network blog via DXLD)

Am listening to Deutsche Welle right now in DRM on 3995 kHz, via Portugal. There is a music hour, but unfortunately, propagation is poor, and there are many dropouts, nice music even though (Christopher Lewis, England, 2135 UT April 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. AFN --- Auf UKW 98,7 "The Eagle" l%uft trotzdem weiterhin eine Ansage, wonach die Mittelwelle "a facelift" erhalte und bis dahin nur mit einem Drittel der Leistung sende.

<http://hessen.afneurope.net/> meldet, die Arbeiten an der Mittelwelle 873 kHz dauerten bis September an.

AFN "Eagle" Alert

AFN Hessen's AM 873 Power Network transmitter is experiencing a degraded signal due to on-going repairs and upgrades. The transmitter will broadcast at one-third of its normal power until the work is completed in September. Brief and unscheduled outages can also be expected. Please stay tuned to AFN-The Eagle FM 98.7 for further updates. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience (via J,rgen Fenn, Germany, via Wolfgang B,schel, April 16, dxldyg via DXLD)

A posting at <http://forum.mysnip.de/read.php?8773,575314,page=2> mentions improvised, marked feeder lines running to two of the three masts. The main entrance of the station area was open, two men were seen working there.

I sneaked around the transmitter site five years ago, and the antenna system, in particular the open line feeders and the mast foundations, did not look very good.

Btw, I would not interpret this AFN announcement as a reliable confirmation of 50 kW being in use at present. Technical information from AFN is often very loose (Kai Ludwig, Germany, April 16, *ibid.*)

** GERMANY EAST. Re RBI blog: Frankly, I would not consider the closure of RBI as part of the "Wende". This was already done by the

technocrats who soon took over. To my knowledge they had the nerve to call it an "integration of RBI" when asking to provide four audio circuits from Cologne to Berlin in order to put DW programming on the Nauen, K'nigs Wusterhausen and Wiederau transmitters as of Oct 3 1990, 00:00 CET.

Were you ever aware of Russian broadcasts from RBI? Test transmissions took place in 1990, but it appears that no regular service started afterwards (Kai Ludwig, Germany, April 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. Solar flux is pitiful, but the MUF still struggles to rise with ever-increasing solar light on high-latitude paths, e.g., VOG on 15630 holding up as late as 2047 April 14 with, what else? Greek music, but some deep fades.

ERT is all set to get the max out of this frequency, per Aoki, scheduled in A-08 for very long hours, all the way from 0400 to 2300, first at 285 degrees until 1800, then switching to 182 degrees for one hour, and from 1900 at 105 degrees, which is the opposite of 285, and none very favorable for NAm. Now, why in the local evening would they switch from a westerly to easterly beam rather than vice versa? It would make more propagational sense to aim east in the morning, west in the evening (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Friend Babis: I noticed on the new Voice of Greece A-08 Schedule that I received in the mail, that at 1200-1300 UT you are broadcasting to Tashkent on 9420 which I presume is on Avlis 3 using a fixed azimuth of 323 degrees. Information from past records show me that to broadcast to Tashkent, Voice of Greece was using HR1 at an azimuth of 46 degrees.

I just received the following e-mail from Mauno Ritola who lives in Joensuu, eastern Finland, 300 km. from St. Petersburg, Russia:

"Hello John, Oh yes, now I can hear 9420 kHz, too. Unfortunately it is covered totally by much stronger co-channel China (what else). Thank you and best regards, Mauno"

This is from the HFCC A-08 registrations:

9420 1100 1700 42N,43NW LIN 100 298 1234567 300308 261008 D CHN CNR
RTC 2566

Regards, (John Babbis, to VOG, April 18, cc to DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi John, The Chinese transmitter carries minorities programme for eastern China from Lingshi in the west and so they are beaming exactly to Europe. They are on between 1200-1700. I think this is a serious problem all over Europe. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, via Babbis, DXLD)

Hello Mauno: Since Greece and China are both members of the HFCC, the only solution if there is interference on co-channel 9420 kHz, is for Babis Charalampopoulos to contact the Frequency Manager of the Chinese station, and ask him to move to another frequency. Regards, (John Babbis, via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9420 kHz --- But in central Europe on main lobe angle of Avlis outlet towards Paris, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, London, Edinburgh, ERT is always a powerhouse. We at southwestern Germany location had never QRM by co-channel Lingshi China 100 kW unit towards 298 degrees Tibet and West China[2800 kms], Iraq, Cairo, and Liberia in West Africa[8000-9000 kms] - Azimuthalwise.

Distance between Paris and Northeastern Europe at Helsinki is 1900 kms away from main lobe. Maybe Mauno gets a stronger sidelobe from China into Finland? 73 wb (Wolfgang B, schel, ibid.)

Yes, sounds like it is a bigger problem here, not in Central Europe. 73, (Mauno, ibid.)

** GREECE. GREEK LESSONS ON VOG --- Dear Glenn: I listened to Mathemata Ellinika (Greek Lessons) last night, Thursday UT 0100-0112, on 7475 and 9420 on the Voice of Greece. I think the program deals with the proper Greek language to use on different occasions. It is all in Greek except for "to Hellenic American University" in English. I looked at the descriptions of the various programs on the Greek web.

10: Going to the cinema
11: What are we going to eat?
12: Looking for an apartment
13: At the kiosk
14: At the Post Office
15: Working out
16: How I spent my weekend
17: Looking for a job
18: At the super market-At the open-air market
19: At the travel office
(John Babbis, MD, April 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. On 3258 you can receive the second harmonic of the Greek pirate Anatolia, most nights a consistent presence on 1629 (Alexander [Koutomanis?], Netherlands, April 19, harmonics yg via DXLD)

** GUAM. USA (non). Frequency change of KTWR in Chinese:
1100-1200 NF 12120 TWR 100 kW / 305 deg, ex 11590
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, April 15, via DXLD)

** GUATEMALA. 4052.5, Radio Verdad, Chiquimula, 0520-0602*, 16-04. Sigue habiendo buenas condiciones de propagaci3n para sintonizar esta emisora durante el amanecer. Escuchada con su programa habitual en ingl3s en esta hora "Spiritual Songs", presentado por el Dr. ...dgar Amilcar Madrid, con c3nticos espirituales y comentarios, identificaci3n, himno de Guatemala y cierre a las 0602. Si otras emisoras de la banda tropical hay que estar pendiente de que haya buena propagaci3n para poder escucharlas, esta es una estaci3n que pr3cticamente se pude sintonizar todos los d3as, a pesar de su baja potencia. 25322 (Manuel M3ndez, en casco urbano de Lugo, Spain, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 8 metros, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Audible just about every night here (gh, OK)

** GUATEMALA. 4799.9, Radio Buenas Nuevas, 0250 with charming children's chorus, carnival like organ, R M N [sic] IDs, then into marimba music. 12 April (Bob Wilkner, P3mpino Beach, SE FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. The External Services of AIR is noted for the last few days on 17670 instead of 17715 at these timings 0315-0415 Hindi, 0415-0430 Gujarati, 0430-0530 Hindi (E. Africa, Mauritius) 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, Hyderabad 500082, India, April 14, dx_india via DXLD)

** INDIA. Dear friends, The updated list of AIR transmitters is now available in the AIR official web site as follows:
http://www.allindiaradio.gov.in/address/EXISTING_STATION_with_Tr..xls
73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Raj Bhavan Road, Hyderabad 500082, India, April 15, dx_india yg via DXLD)
See also LAKSHADWEEP

Glenn: I am tuned to the GOS of AIR via the Bangalore site on 11620 (parallel weaker on 9445). Good signal at my QTH in Tennessee. I just started using a Solarcore Vertical Antenna and it seems to work better than the coax dipole I made in 1991 (Noble West, Clinton, 2215 UT April 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

AIR with music, 9425 at 1700z via Bangalore, 500 kW @ 18 degrees. About 4000 miles in darkness, about 5000 miles in daylight. Local mid-day at about 1830z. Some audio flutter but relatively stable signal (Jerry Lenamon, Waco, Texas, Drake R8B, sloper, April 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 11784.88, VOI, 1631-1658, April 15, in Arabic; EZL songs and Islamic music, better than normal reception. Website <http://en.voi.co.id/> (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Noticed VOI Korean was on April 15 sometime around 1315, 9526 but rather poor signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM [non]. WRN, the London-headquartered international TV and radio transmission company has partnered with WHRV 89.5 FM, a US public radio station in Norfolk, Virginia to re-broadcast its 24 hour news and current affairs channel overnight. WHRV 89.5FM is part of WHRO, a regional media company that promotes education, culture and citizenship to the citizens of Hampton Roads, Virginia through two television stations, two public service radio stations and four digital radio stations. WHRV will now have access to programming from reputable international broadcasters like KBS (Korea), RCI (Canada), RNW (Netherlands), Channel Africa, Radio Romania, Radio Poland and many others. WHRV has already had a great listener response to its new programming. Heather Mazzoni, Programme Director at the station, says iWRN brings our listeners world wide news and public affairs, something that was missing from our market. We have the largest concentration of military personnel in the United States so there is a keen interest in worldwide coverage in the Hampton Roads market.1

Last month, WRN expanded its North American partnerships with Seattle community radio station KBCS FM (AIB via DXLD)

The WHRV schedule grid at <http://www.whro.org/home/publicradio/whrv/> shows BBCWS overnight at 1-5 am ET M-F only, so?? (gh, DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. For those of you who have Sirius Satellite Radio and may not know --- Glenn Hauser's World Of Radio can be heard on Saturdays at 1730 UT / 1:30 PM EDT on channel 140, which carries the World Radio Network, unless pre-empted by sports. Today, NCAA baseball was in a rain delay, so WOR was heard. Nice to get your DX news while driving! (Chris Lobdell, MA, April 19, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** IRAN. The VOIRI English broadcast at 1530-1630 has moved from 7370 to 7375, via Kamalabad, 500 kW, 110 degrees, and an additional frequency is 9600, via Sirjan, 500 kW at 105 degrees (Glenn Hauser, April 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. 6055, R. Nikkei-1, 0830-0900, fair April 19, half hour Sat. program "Let's Read the Nikkei Weekly", mixture of English and Japanese presented by Noriko Tada, Gregory Clark and Jeffrey Swiggum, details about the nominee to head the Bank of Japan, "Gregory Clark's Choices", "Key Words and Phrases" and "You the Listener", ads for language certification, program sponsored by the Society for Testing English Proficiency, Inc., website <http://www.radionikkei.jp/LR/> (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JORDAN. Re 8-047, and UNIDENTIFIED 10000: Hello Group, I can confirm it's Jordan, it's // with Radio Amman on 9830 around 1910 UT

today 14/4/08 with a conversation about water in Jordan. All the best, guys (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, April 14, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1404, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Saludos cordiales, yo tambi n puedo confirmarlo, hoy 14 de abril a las 1935 escucho la emisi n en 10000 con emisi n de m sica en paralelo por 9830, evidentemente se trata de un producto producido por  sta emisora, aqu  en Valencia, Radio Jord n en 9830 llega con un SINPO 55555, la emisi n en 10000 hoy con una se al muy pobre. Gracias a todos, atentamente (Jos  Miguel Romero, Spain, ibid.)

And also symmetrically on 9660 kHz at 1750. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, April 16, ibid.)

** KOREA NORTH. KOREA D.P.R. of 15245.26v nominal produces the two usual (summer season) spurs again in 2008: noted today April 17th around 0700-0750 UT Voice of Korea in Russian language on 15183 - 15188 and 15302 - 15307 kHz. 73 (Wolfgang B schel, Germany, harmonics yg via DXLD)

2 X 4450 heard with weak signal on 8899.98 kHz until 1400. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, April 17, harmonics yg via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 6020, Shiokaze: COMJAN "JSR Shiokaze" blue ribbon QSL card from Tokyo in 11 days, full data but no site given, for an emailed report in English, along with an attached audio clip (Ron Howard, CA, April 15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. The jamming from North Korea was done on air of 5965 kHz, Shiokaze re-moved to 6045 Apr. 17 at 2030-2100. Attacked of the jamming, 1400-1430 on 6020 kHz are coordinating QSY. COMJAN so called "Operation of the cat's-eye" (S. Hasegawa, NDXC-HQ, April 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. Seoul to allow private radio transmission to N.K. <http://english.hani.co.kr/popups/print.hani?ksn=282632>

South Korea will consider revising a policy that prohibits private radio broadcasters from transmitting to North Korea, President Lee Myung-bak told American legislators Thursday.

Rep. Ed Royce (R-California) said he raised the issue when he, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other legislators met the president.

"He said the broadcasting was important and they were looking at a policy that would allow private broadcasting into North Korea from South Korea," Royce said in a teleconference with reporters.

The prohibitions were put in place in 2000 to disallow privately funded radio stations based in Seoul from transmitting to North Korea.

"Some of those stations actually operate today despite this ban," the congressman said. "But it's important that these stations have the right to broadcast."

President Lee, elected from a conservative base, arrived in Washington on Wednesday. He will hold summit talks with U.S. President George W. Bush at Camp David on Saturday (via Zacharias Liangas, DXLD) on SW??

** KURDISTAN. 6335, V. of Iraqi Kurdistan, 0407 11 April with Kurdish folks. Carrier FSK on LSB and FDM steam on USB are enough strong to severely interfere the Kurdish station, Signal S7 (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS. THOMSON M2W TRANSMITTER USED BY ALL INDIA RADIO FOR BROADCAST OF FIRST LOCAL RADIO PROGRAMS TO LAKSHADWEEP

Las Vegas (National Association of Broadcasters Convention ó Booths SL106/SL2120) April 12, 2008 ó All India Radio (AIR) has selected Thomson's (Euronext Paris: 18453; NYSE: TMS) M2W medium-wave transmitters for the launch of the first local radio channels to India's Lakshadweep Islands. The new service will go on air during 2008. Thomson's M2W 10 kW medium-wave transmitters, already in use at AIR stations all over India, will now be used to broadcast the first local content from Kavarati radio station throughout the Lakshadweep Islands.

AIR is India's national broadcaster and has one of the largest radio networks in the world, covering over 99% of the Indian population. The Lakshadweep project falls under a special program driven by the Government of India for the development of the North Eastern region. The economy and infrastructure of the entire North East region is lagging far behind the rest of the country and the government is providing a booster for this.

The Lakshadweep medium-wave project marks a new milestone in the successful cooperation between Thomson and Broadcast Engineering Corporation India Limited (BECIL), who are supplying the auxiliary items for the transmitter.

In spite of recent penetration by other media such as cable TV, radio remains the most common means of gaining access to information and entertainment in India, as radio receivers are relatively cheap and affordable.

"Local public service broadcasting is an important cornerstone in our

mandate to educate, inform and entertain. The ability to generate local programs will encourage the people on the islands to participate. The broadcast scenario has undergone revolutionary changes in the last few years. Medium wave broadcasting is an important platform for media distribution in India, and we are following the progress of the digitalization of the AM bands with great interest," said a senior spokesperson from AIR.

"Medium wave broadcasting is a cost-efficient alternative for local, regional or even national coverage. Thomson M2W transmitters reflect a through-and-through perfect combination of innovative technology and dedicated craftsmanship. Thanks to their high overall efficiency, this transmitter line makes a comprehensive contribution to cost-effective media implementation" said Patrick Montliaud, Senior Vice President of Thomson's Integration and Networks Solutions business unit, within the Systems division.

About M2W

The M2W transmitter line is Thomson's answer to the needs of high quality analog and DRM performance from 10 kW to 250 kW. Built exclusively on digital processing techniques, the M2W is equipped with the advanced modulation technology and intrinsic flexibility needed for the complex modulation schemes of digital modulation techniques.

Factory equipped for digital AM, the M2W line allows broadcasters to switch modes with a simple push of a button. The compact, all-in-one modular design of the M2W line with its low life-cycle costs meets today's standards for cost-effective transmission with high reliability and availability of service. M2W transmitters come equipped with a Web interface for remote control.

About All India Radio

AIR is India's national broadcaster and has one of the largest radio networks in the world. The service planned, developed and operated by the Prasar Bharati Broadcasting Corporation of India and is one of the largest radio networks in the world. With a network of 229 broadcasting centers, AIR covers 91.79% of the entire Indian area and 99.14% of the population (via Steve Whitt, UK, MWC via DXLD)

These press releases are infuriating in leaving out essential details, and trying to mislead.

There is already MW in Kavaratti, Lakshadweep on 1584 kHz per WRTH 2008. It may just be a relay now with no local content, but you don't necessarily have to buy a new Thomson transmitter in order to have local programming.

Furthermore, the Lakshadweep Islands (a.k.a. Laccadive), are about as far as you can get from Northeast India mentioned in the release: off the southwest coast (Glenn Hauser, MWC via DXLD)

Dear Glenn, you are right in mentioning the AIR Kavaratti medium wave station 1584 kHz (1 kW). According to information provided by Jose Jacob (18 June 2003) the local station of All India Radio started on 1 January 1994. Back then Jose Jacob reported that the station mainly took the programmes of AIR Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala). Although there had been some local programming in earlier years, in June 2003 the only local content were some announcements and music.

Concerning your criticism of the Thomson release, one might however add, that the special AIR programme to enhance radio reception in the North East does include the Islands. The package of 2006 includes the building of a new site on the Lakshadweep Islands to replace the existing 1 kW transmitter by a 10 kW one. As far as I know it is also planned to build a new studio for local programming. This message isn't sent to anybody else. Kind regards, Hj. (Dr. Hansjörg Biener - Neulichtenhofstr. 7 - DE-90461 Nürnberg, Germany, <http://www.biener-media.de> April 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LATVIA. Relays this weekend via 9290 kHz
Sat April 19th
Radio City 0900-1000 UT and
on 945AM 1900-2000 UT <http://www.radionord.lv>
Sun April 20th
EMR 1300-1500 UT
Latvia Today 1500-1600 UT
Good listening 73s (Tom Taylor, April 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST, in advance on the dxldyg)

** LATVIA [and non]. EMR BIRTHDAY RELAYS VIA 6140 AND 9290 KHZ
European Music Radio 32nd Birthday Programmes:

On Sunday the 20th of April at 1200 UT:
On 6140 at 1200 to 1300 with Tom Taylor
Continues at 1300:
On 9290 at 1300 to 1500:
With Mike Taylor between 1300 to 1430 (mail Box)
and Paul Graham between 1430 and 1500 UT (oldies)

All programmes will be available at the following website:
<http://www.emr.org.uk> just click on EMR internet radio! Internet programme times will follow. Good Listening, 73s From all the staff at EMR (Tom Taylor, April 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Who cares about transmitter sites? 9290 = Ulbroka, Latvia; 6140 = Wertachtal, Germany (gh, DXLD)

EMR RELAY'S & INTERNET REPEAT TIMES

Our 32nd Birthday programmes will be available at the following times (all times are UTC / GMT):

Sunday 20th April 2008 to Europe

1200-1300 Tom Taylor (on 6140)

1300-1430 Mike Taylor (on 9290)

1430-1500 Paul Graham (on 9290)

The above programmes are repeated on the EMR internet service between the following times

Sunday 20th April 2008

1700-1800 Tom Taylor

1800-1930 Mike Taylor

1930-2000 Paul Graham

Monday 21st April 2008

1200-1300 Tom Taylor

1300-1430 Mike Taylor

1430-1500 Paul Graham

Monday 21st April 2008

1700-1800 Tom Taylor

1800-1930 Mike Taylor

1930-2000 Paul Graham

Tuesday 22nd April 2008

1800-1900 Tom Taylor

1900-2030 Mike Taylor

2030-2100 Paul Graham Good Listening from all the staff at EMR

(Tom Taylor, April 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA [non]. Libyan programming via Gabon --- Sorry for the old log but maybe of interest: on 19th March I heard Impact du Plein ...vangile, Christian programming via Gabon on 9580 kHz between 2300-2315. Right after that the station continued with Kor'an reading in Arabic and explaining in English. It lasted until 0015. Tarek Zeidan kindly listened to the audio clip and said that it was Ghaddafi explaining the meaning of some Kor'an verses when visiting Uganda. It wasn't // V of Africa 1251 kHz. I haven't heard that transmission again when checked a couple of times, but such special transmissions can be expected when the Colonel is on the road. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, April 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Now that Libya has controlling interest in ANO, surprising they have not made more use of it than this. But gotta keep facilities in reserve for jamming the next clandestine that pops up (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LITHUANIA [and non]. I had R. Vilnius for almost 10 minutes on 9875 at 2330 for first time since new seasonal sked began. Then it dropped out. There's a co-channel Chinese music transmission, very weak. That's what I've been hearing since new sked (Bob Thomas, Bridgeport CT, April 9, by P-mail, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As already explained with his previous log, it's Firedrake against IBB in Tibetan, a no-win situation (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I tell you it's rough out there! Vilnius North American service on 9875 wiped out by co-channel (Bob Thomas, CT, April 13 by P-mail, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. 7295, Traxx FM via RTM, 1427-1510, April 15, in English; DJs Maya and Jezza with their Tuesday "Jazz Selecta" program, scheduled from 1400-1700 UT, played nice jazz, announcements of local upcoming jazz concerts, ID "Experience the Excitement on 90.3, Traxx FM", ToH 2 pips, "11:00 news headlines" from the RTM Kuala Lumpur news center, fair-poor. Website at <http://jazzselecta.alldatjazz.com/> (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. XETRA-690 call change --- A post on www.radio-info.com is reporting that XETRA-690 Tijuana has changed calls to XEWW (Doug Smith, W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, April 14, NRC-AM via WORLD OF RADIO 1404, DXLD)

Who will snap up the super-desirable border call XETRA?? Maybe not so desirable, with all-news no longer done by hardly anyone. But that didn't keep 690 from retaining the call thru other formats. Sesquidecades ago, XEWW were the calls for the SW outlets of XEW, IIRC on 6165, 9515 and 15160 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1404, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Did anyone snap up the old XELO [800] or XERB [1090] calls? (Patrick Martin, OR, NRC-AM via DXLD)

810 QUINTANA ROO XERB "Sol Stereo" Cozumel.
1010 CHIHUAHUA XELO "Radio Lobo** Latino*" Chihuahua.
(John Callarman, Krum TX, ibid.)

** MEXICO. RADIO UASLP, 6045 kHz desde San Luis Potosí --- Al aire!!!!

El día de hoy, como anteriores se ha visto notoriamente mejorada la

calidad de la se0al de la Radio Universidad Aut0noma del Estado de San Luis Potos0, por los 6045 kHz, ha habido cambios y mejoras t0cnicas, seg0n el Ing. Francisco Moreno, con quien me comunic0 esta ma0ana v0a telef0nica para, en primer lugar, reportar su sinton0a y calidad de se0al, e informar que como oyentes o diexistas estamos al pendiente de cualquier situaci0n de la onda corta, a los que somos de M0xico, pues creo, mayormente la onda corta de nuestro pa0s...

Coment0 sobre el procedimiento de verificaci0n mediante QSL, - por lo visto, este ingeniero, como algunos m0s, a0n envueltos en este mundo de las comunicaciones, desconoc0a la manera de proceder - pero para eso estamos, para solicitar que tambi0n se nos valore como oyentes y monitores, y a la vez que se le d0 la importancia a los informes para evaluaci0n de su misma se0al y programaci0n.

Al parecer, habr0 sorpresas para nosotros los diexistas en un tiempo en breve. Por mientras espero el correo que me prometi0 el Ing. Moreno.

Y hago extensiva la invitaci0n para que se comuniquen, a los que estamos en M0xico, v0a telef0nica a esta emisora y as0 alentar el uso de la onda corta; les acerqu0 el telef0no a la bocina del receptor para que a "o0do" pudieran cerciorarse de que era su se0al!!! Ellos dicen en su promocional "Comun0cate con nosotros al 8 26 13 48..." Pero ojo, como soy potosino, s0e que la lada es, y para nivel nacional deben marcar as0:

(01 444) 8 26 13 48 Ah0 les responde la recepcionista y lo pasan al 0rea t0cnica. A nivel internacional, se le agrega +52 (Es correcto?)

La se0al era de 3-4, limpia y fuerte. 1330 UT, 6045, 15 Abril 08

Saludos, y con mucho entusiasmo comparto esto con todo ustedes (MAGDIEL CRUZ RODR0GUEZ, (Potosino pero ahora radicado en:) JIUTEPEC, MORELOS, M0XICO, April 15, WORLD OF RADIO 1404, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. Looking for XEXQ, 6045, April 17: at 1241 only a weak carrier, probably Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, while XEOI 6010 was coming in well, so I don't think SLP was on the air yet. Rechecked at 1255 I could hear bits of classical music fading in and out, so seems they turned on the OC transmitter sometime in the interim. I would really like to hear a SW sign-on, but I fear they just turn it on when they get around to it, joining AM or FM programming in progress. There was now a low almost audible het, as others have measured this 50 or 60 Hz low, vs the Asian carrier. XEXQ signal was a little better at 1304, still classical music rather than morning news program.

This is from the Autonomous University of San Luis Potos0; many

Mexican universities have ``autonomous`` in their names, notably UNAM in M xico DF which operates another SW station, currently silent, on 9599.3v. I can't think of any US university which has Autonomous in its very name, so why is this done in Mexico? The word means self-governing, so are they independent of any government control? That seems unlikely. Of course, in imperialist Commie countries, 'Autonomous' means NOT self-governing, e.g. TIBET.

6045, trace of classical music at 1241 April 19, so XEXQ apparently on a few minutes earlier than usual (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. R. Mil, 6010, April 15 at 0458 was playing the rousing Mexican national anthem, as no doubt required around local midnight. Befitting the anti-American lyrix, then said a few words about a battle in the war with the US, 1847y. But hey, where would the USA be today without all the territory we stole from the UMS? Aztl n is rectifying that (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. SINTON A LIBRE, C PSULA DX--- Saludos Colegas del DX:
"Sinton a Libre, un ancho mundo de frecuencia, un programa de Radio Educaci n Onda Corta" (slogan) Conducen: Marlen Reyes y Alicia Espinoza.

Programa con informaci n de los medios de comunicaci n, acuse de recibo de cartas e informes de recepci n de los oyentes, y alguna informaci n para los diexistas.

Radio Educaci n -Onda Corta- XEPPM 6185 kHz.

Colaboran colegas diexistas como el Amigo Pepe Gonz lez, desde el Puerto de Veracruz, Ver. con su "C psula DX"
Sus horarios son: (Horas y D as en UT)
0200 UT Mi rcoles, Viernes y Domingo.
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Vean m s QSL's: <http://entre-ondas.blogspot.com/2008/01/mis-qsls.html>
(Magdiel Cruz Rodr guez, reportando desde Jiutepec, Morelos, M xico, April 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. Glenn, That XERF BBCR4 show will be on The

International Radio Report so I will NOT miss recording it (Artie Bigley, OH, DX LISTENING DIGEST) This Sunday?

** MOROCCO. RTM 15345 had a nice semihour of Arab music as I took a seminap, April 19 at 2130-2200, good signal. There was a bit of a SAH but no AH as usually is detectable from Argentina (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See ARGENTINA

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Rechecked the RNW schedule now dated April 16, and there have been some changes involving IBB relays, since the original version in 8-039. Let's hope the kinks have been worked out and this will more or less hold for the rest of season: Day 1 = Sunday

IBB via RNW sites:

Start	End	Site	KHz	Az	From	To	kW	Org	Lan	Days	Target
0400	0430	MDC	9575	335	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	IBB	Eng	1234567	eAF
0400	0500	MDC	12080	335	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	IBB	Eng	1234567	eAF
0430	0500	MDC	7340	270	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	IBB	Por	1234567	c+sAF
0500	0600	MDC	15380	359	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	IBB	Kur	1234567	Kur'stan
0530	0600	MDC	13710	305	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	IBB	Fre	23456	wAF
1300	1400	MDC	15115	359	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	IBB	Som	1234567	ME/neAF
1700	1800	MDC	13755	265	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	IBB	Mul*	1234567	c+sAF
1800	1830	MDC	7125	275	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	IBB	Por	23456	sAF
1830	1900	MDC	9815	295	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	IBB	Fre	1234567	wAF
1830	2030	BON	17550	90	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	IBB	Fre	1234567	wAF

[* VOA Studio 7 for Zimbabwe, in Shona, Ndebele, English ñ gh]

RNW via IBB Sites: [note the first one, Saipan, is not until May 3]

Start	End	Site	KHz	Az	From	To	kW	Org	Lan	Days	Target
0800	0957	SAI	9700	195	05-03-08	10-26-08	100	RNW	Dut	1234567	NZ/AU
0959	1057	PHT	15110	315	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	RNW	Eng	1234567	AS
0959	1057	TIN	11895	267	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	RNW	Eng	1234567	AS
1259	1357	PHT	9655	200	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	INDON
1259	1357	PHT	12085	283	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	seAS
2159	2259	PHT	7395	200	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	RNW	Ind	1234567	INDON
2159	2357	PHT	9475	200	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	RNW	Ind	1234567	INDON

(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Oh, oh ---

Hello from Hilversum, Nearly three weeks into the new broadcasting season, it's time to make a few adjustments to shortwave frequency schedule to improve reception of certain transmissions. The sunspot count is very low at the moment, and some transmissions are not performing as well as the computer calculations predicted they would. So please note the following:

1. For English to Asia at 1400-1557 UT, Madagascar moves from 9890 to

9885 kHz effective 19 April.

2. Also for English to Asia at 1359-1557 UT, Dushanbe will move down to 5830 kHz instead of 9345 kHz effective 19 April.

3. For Dutch to Europe at 0558-0757 UT, the transmitter site on 5955 kHz is changed from Wertachtal to Nauhen, 500 kW, beam 220 effective 18 April.

In addition, Deutsche Welle will test 5905 kHz (beam 210 degrees) in German to Australia/New Zealand from Bonaire at 0900-0959 UT for 7 days commencing Saturday 19 April. This will be in parallel with the scheduled transmission on 9855 kHz at 0800-1000. My colleague Jan Peter Werkman tells me that further changes to our schedule may be made next week. As soon as we have details we'll mention them in the Media Network Weblog.

RADIO NETHERLANDS WORLDWIDE APPOINTS NEW EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Rik Rensen will be the new editor-in-chief of Radio Netherlands Worldwide with effect from 1 August, replacing Joop Dalmeijer who has been director of the domestic broadcaster NPS since 1 January. Along with deputies Ardi Bouwers and Wim Jansen, he will be responsible for the output of RNW in ten languages. Wim Jansen will continue in the role of Acting Editor-in-Chief until 1 August.

RNW Director-General Jan Hoek says "We were looking for an editor-in-chief of stature, with ample experience in both traditional and cross-medial journalism. Rik Rensen fits this role particularly well, especially considering his international experience and his work for foreign media organisations."

Rensen (52) was editor-in-chief of the current affairs TV programme NOVA in 2002-2003, and for ten years (1989-1999) he was editor-in-chief of RTL News. He was also Interactive Director for RTL Nederland in 2000-2002, and interim Cross Media Director for SBS (2006-2008).

Prior to working for RTL, Rensen worked for the newspaper NRC Handelsblad for ten years, which included four years as a correspondent in Italy. During those four years he also reported for RNW (Andy Sennitt, Media Network Newsletter 17 April 2008 via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. RNW24 now broadcast in DRM mode at 1157-1457 UT

The Internet station RNW24 has proven very popular, and starting today it is also available in DRM mode at 1157-1457 UT Mon-Fri on 5955 kHz. RNW24 broadcasts Dutch popular music, with news in Dutch every hour. The three hours on 5955 kHz replace the listed transmissions in

English and Dutch. The schedule on our website will be updated on Monday (April 18th, 2008 - 14:29 UTC by Andy, Media Network blog via DXLD) Presumably still all via Wertachtal, GERMANY 5950-5955-5960 (gh)

3 comments so far

1 Rob K April 18th, 2008 - 1517 UT

A pleasant listen, but a similar format (as far as I can tell without knowing Dutch music formats inside out) to Radio Noordzee Nationaal which is also available worldwide on the Internet. Aren't the latter a bit cheesed off with this publicly funded competition?
Good to hear the Tea Set again after many years!

2 ruud April 18th, 2008 - 1725 UT

Why DRM? When in analogue I could listen to it in my back yard on a portable SW radio. And all other Dutch people all over Europe, with no internet connection such as on a Spanish costa. Or Dutch truckers, many of them do have analogue SW receivers. Now all we hear is noise on 5955. Why not experiment with analogue digital. One week a, other week d. See what gives most reactions.

3 Andy April 18th, 2008 - 1809 UT

We are not trying to compete with any other Dutch station. Radio Noordzee Nationaal is broadcasting to a domestic audience, and RNW is broadcasting to an international audience. The fact that anyone worldwide can hear them on the Internet doesn't mean that they are aiming specifically at overseas listeners, who are of no interest to their advertisers. If they have a problem with RNW24, they can complain to the Dutch Media Authority, but I think that's extremely unlikely.

RNW24 is an automated service and doesn't cost much. We are using modern technology to offer Dutch expats (and anyone else interested in Dutch music) a service we couldn't previously offer. They are getting more despite cuts in our budget (Media Network blog via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. 6135, 6225, Bonaire Spurs, 0510-0520+, April 18, leapfrogging spurs with fair reception. Could be mistaken for legitimate frequencies. 6135-leapfrogging spur from 6195-NHK in Spanish. 6225-leapfrogging spur of 6165-Radio Nederland in Dutch. 30 kHz separation between each frequency (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND [and non]. RNZI heard on a new frequency of 6170 (ex 6095) at 1300 UT, Wednesday, April 16 with a fair signal initially but deteriorated rapidly and almost gone by 1330. The RNZI website schedule has been changed slightly. 6170 takes effect April 16 (1300 to 1550 UT) and 15720 remains on after 2235 (to 0458) instead of 13840 (Bernie O'Shea, Ottawa, Ontario, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, once again RNZI has made a frequency change without notice, except the online schedule, still dated to have started 30 March, shows ``from April 16`` 6170 instead of 6095 at 1300-1550. 6165-6170-6175 have been the DRM frequencies, with no DRM during this block, so that's a quite convenient change to make, no doubt because of the collision on 6095 we have reported previously, namely BBCWS in Chinese via Korea South, which MUST be jammed by the Chicom, and indeed we had been hearing Firedrake there mixing with RNZI, altho usually RNZI has been well atop here, probably not so in the Pacific target area. Viz. tidied up from <http://www.rnzi.com/pages/listen.php> ---

30 Mar 2008 - 03 May 2008

UTC	kHz	Target
0159-0458	15720 AM	13840 DRM Pacific
0459-0658	11725 AM	9890 DRM Pacific
0659-1058	7145 AM	6170 DRM Pacific
1059-1258	9655 AM	6170 DRM NW Pacific, Bougainville, PNG, Timor
1300-1550	6170 AM	from 16 Apr Pacific
1551-1850	7145 AM	6170 DRM NE Pacific, Fiji, Samoa, Cook Islands
1851-1935	9615 AM	9890 DRM NE Pac, Tonga, Fiji, Samoa, Cook Islands
1936-1950	9615 AM	11675 DRM NE Pac, Tonga, Fiji, Samoa, Cook Islands
1951-2050	11725 AM	11675 DRM Pacific Daily
2051-2235	15720 AM	13840 DRM NW Pacific, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands
2236-0158	13840 AM	15720 DRM Pacific

As for 15720 and 13840, not as Bernie says when I check the site at 2055 UT April 16, but instead 13840 AM at 2236-0158 in between two 15720 AM transmissions, which seems rather odd, as during that time 15715-15720-15725 switches to DRM. And at 2055 UT I am getting nothing on 15720; some days it comes in pretty well (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, I have RNZI on 15720 at 2115, though very weak (Steve Lare, Holland, MI USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, They must have changed the schedule again on April 16. When I checked the website after 1330 UT it was definitely 15720 AM from 2236 to 0458. At this time, 0230 UT April 17, the website says "we are currently broadcasting on 15720AM...". Nothing heard this evening so far but last night for a while 15720 was coming in very well. Still nothing coming through from RNZI at 0355 (Bernie O'Shea, Ont., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RNZI, April 17 at 1242 check, could not detect DRM on 6165-6170-6175 as scheduled, nor AM on 9655, tho there was an extremely weak carrier in the skirts of Sackville 9650, whilst RA was inbooming on 9580 and three lesser 31m frequencies, so I wonder if RNZI was off the air, or

on wrong frequencies again? Not found on 7145 either, tho one sked version shows that expanded in analog all the way from 0700 to 1300. But at *1300, good on new 6170 AM with news. Meanwhile, ex-6095 had weak Firedrake audible against BBC, // 6085. 6170 still holding up at 1350 with mix of pop and Maori music, but losing out to noise level by 2 am news at 1400, which is 125 minutes after sunrise in Enid today (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6170, RNZI, 1312-1325+ 17 April. "Dateline Pacific" with Pacific islands news (American Samoa, Fiji, PNG, Vanuatu), good signal but crunchies from CNR1-6175 (Dan Sheedy, CA, R75/EF102040, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I assume this was because of the collision with BBC Chinese via South Korea on 6095 at 1300-1530, drawing the inevitable Firedrake jamming, which as I may have mentioned to you before, I had been hearing, usually under RNZI, on 6095 (Glenn to Adrian Sainsbury, via DXLD)

The jamming QRM was not a problem in the Central Pacific eg Fiji however listeners in Vanuatu, Solomon Islands were aware of the co-channel. The challenge is/was finding a clear channel in the 6 MHz band which is clear right across all our target area. We are fortunate 6170 appears to be a clear channel right through the night hours when we need a 6 MHz frequency. I am still waiting on IBB recordings off the Cairns receiver which is off line at the moment to see if 6170 is OK. It should be much improved. It takes a lot of time organising a freq move, not to mention the bureaucracy (Adrian Sainsbury, RNZI, April 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RNZI was heard on 13840 at 0155 UT, Friday, April 18 with a good signal. Closed on that frequency at 0158 and opened on 15720 at 0200 with RNZ News as per revised schedule of April 16. Good signal here also. Tuned in again at about 0250; nothing on 15720, but there they were on 13840 again with relay of RNZ National. Still with a good signal. At 0255, 13840 off and back to 15720 with barely audible signal. No announcement of any frequency change. Switching back and forth for testing /maintenance purposes perhaps? (Bernie O'Shea, Ottawa, Ontario, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Everyone, As some of you may have noted already we have discontinued 6095 kHz and it is replaced by 6170. We are also testing this week 13840 DRM to Samoa 0200-0500 UT. Regards from a wet and chilly Wellington, (Adrian Sainsbury, Technical Managere, RNZI, April 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

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A08 Effective from 14 April, 2008
Friday, 18 April 2008

FREQUENCY	SCHEDULE	ANALOGUE	SERVICE
UTC	NZT	kHz	Primary Target
1300-1550	0100-0350	6170	Pacific **NEW**
1551-1850	0351-0650	7145	Cook Islands Samoa, Niue, Tonga, Fiji
1851-1950	0651-0750	9615	Pacific
1951-2050	0751-0850	11725	Pacific
2051-2240	0851-1040	15720	Solomon Islands, Vanuatu
2241-0158	1041-1358	13840	Pacific
0159-0458	1359-1658	15720	Pacific
0459-0658	1659-1858	11725	Pacific
0659-1058	1859-2258	7145	Pacific
1059-1258	2259-0058	9655	Bougainville, PNG, Timor, Asia

DRM SERVICE - A DRM Capable Receiver is required for this service

1200-1550	0000-0350	NO SERVICE
1550-1850	0350-0650	6170 Cook Islands Samoa, Niue, Tonga, Fiji
1851-1935	0651-0735	9890 Samoa, Niue, Fiji, Cook Islands, Tonga
1936-2050	0736-0850	11675 Tonga, Samoa, Niue, Fiji, Cook Islands
2051-2240	0851-1040	13840 Solomon Islands, Vanuatu
2241-0158	1041-1358	15720 Pacific
0159-0458	1359-1658	13840 Samoa **under trial**
0459-0658	1659-1858	9890 Pacific
0659-1158	1859-2358	6170 Pacific

(Adrian Sainsbury, RNZI, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There is no DRM service from 1200 to 1550 UT. We did use to broadcast 24 hours a day but that stopped some time ago. Used to end at 1258 now it is one hour earlier. On the web site it should show only one frequency in operation between 12-16 UT which is 6170 AM.

According to the transmitter log the transmitter was on 9655 from 1059-1258. Not sure why we were not audible.

[Later:] I just listened to Darwin RMS and there was no signal to be heard on 9655. However we were getting to Melbourne RMS. So propagation was very strange last night. Cairns RMS the previous night 9655 was a good signal. Rgds (Adrian Sainsbury via gh, DXLD)

No, as of 0330 UT April 19, listen page on your website still shows DRM until 1258 on 6170, so I was not aware it had been cut back another hour (Glenn Hauser, ibid.) Tho so shown on the sked above later sent directly (gh)

I am wondering where RNZI is before 1259 when it comes up on 6170 in AM with IS, TS and news; April 18 a few minutes earlier I could not detect it on 9655, and certainly not on 7145, nor any sign of DRM noise on 6165-6170-6175 as scheduled. I asked Adrian Sainsbury and he says the break in DRM service now starts at 1200 instead of 1258, as was still displayed on their online schedule, but they were on 9655 AM, according to logs. Later that day I confirmed on webcast that Mailbox does appear UT Friday at 2035; it was he doing the show alone, but wrapped up already at 2046, so not sure when it really started; it usually runs from 20 to 25 minutes.

Checked again April 19 at 1248 and presumed RNZI could be detected on 9655 tho very much under CRI/Sackville 9650. I suppose the NW beam from NZ during this hour makes a big difference over here to the NE.

On 6170 Sat April 19 at 1330 I heard the tail end of a program about the Summer Institute of Linguistics, and their Bible translation work in Papua New Guinea, languages in danger of going extinct. Per schedule, this was Tagata o te Moana, a weekly programme for which audible is available, so I ondemanded it. This segment starts 25:40 into the file at <http://www.rnzi.com/audio/tagata.mp3> which should be available until April 25 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also OKLAHOMA

** NEW ZEALAND. 3945, 0000 [no date], ZLXA Radio Reading Service very good (Daryl New, Wellington, New Zealand, Realistic DX302, Sangean ATS505, Alpha Delta sloper, 150M longwire EW and Nth-Sth directions, 19, 21, 25, 31M dipoles EW directions, April NZ DX Times via DXLD)

Typo for 3935? Probably, but you'd think they would notice in NZ. Elsewhere in same issue it was mentioned on usual 3935 (gh, DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. TCS Sunday Night 04/13 --- Good Evening! The Crystal Ship is going on the air this evening, on or about 6700.1 kHz and 5385.5 kHz. Program will commence shortly before 0000 UT, and likely run a couple hours. Tonight's program will feature segments from Free Speech Radio News, and some more "Shots from the Port Side" with The Radical (that's the same Radical from our early 80s career).

[Later:] TCS On Air Tuesday Night 4/15 -- The Crystal Ship is on the air tonight, starting about 2300 UT, on 6700 kHz and on 5385 kHz in glorious AM mode. Transmitters are the Johnson Viking Valiant #1, and the Johnson Viking II, respectively, with approximately 150 and 100 watts carrier output. Programming will include 'Free Speech Radio News' and yet another "Shots from the Portside" with The Radical. 73s and FIGHT for FREE RADIO! (The Poet, The Crystal Ship, April 16, via Will Martin, DXLD) Note: midweek (Will)

Pirate, 3431.19, The Crystal Ship, 0300-0320, April 18, political talk. ID. Rock music. Weak. Poor in noisy conditions (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. KOSU 91.7 is still changing its schedule around. Friday April 18, Frosty Troy's 4-minute conversation/commentary still started at its previous time 1235 UT instead of 1230 on their new pdf schedule; and instead of going back to NPR Morning Edition, there followed a 10-minute local news feature. That's fine, but what did we miss from NPR? All the local news production should be aggregated into a single half-hour block (or whatever it takes) outside ME or ATC (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. New stations granted: looks like things are hopping in the Panhandle:

Beaver, SE of Liberal KS, *91.9 1000h, 15m, Better Public Broadcasting Association, 10 km
Boise City, N of Dalhart TX, *90.9, 10000h,v; 107m, Great Plains Christian Radio, Inc., 33 km
Guymon, *88.1, 100 h,v; 29m, Texas Educational Broadcasting Foundation, 10 km. See Deletions [i.e., Guymon, K205CR, *88.9]
Guymon, *88.9, 25000 h,v; 98m, Great Plains Christian Radio, Inc., 39 km. See above (March-April FMedia! via DXLD)

88.9 in Guymon has been the KANZ 91.1 High Plains Public Radio translator originating in Garden City KS, but is that the same as TX EBF, starting up on 88.1 as a non-translator? Per the last FM Atlas, 88.1 was a KHYM translator, which I think is Christian. The GPCR bumps HPPR off 88.9, so the question is whether HPPR will stay in the town with a better signal anyway on 88.1. And is little Beaver really getting a public radio station? Names like Better Public Broadcasting Association often turn out to be quasi-commercial LPFM jukeboxes like Enid has or gospel huxters masquerading as public, as in Florida, which is spreading elsewhere

Related to HPPR is KTOT near Perryton TX, i.e. Top O' Texas, and now TOT Educational Broadcasting Association has been granted a station in: Red River NM, *91.1, 100 watts h,v, -384m, 4 km range

Call letters assigned: North Enid, 107.1, KZLS

Facilities Changes Granted: KS, Kiowa (new), 98.3, 85m (100000 h,v), 48 km (info from Mar-Apr FMedia via DXLD) Full power just across the border is probably enough to knock the 98.3 KLVV gospel huxter translator off the air in Enid (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. This is only peripherally connected with

(missionary, classical) radio, but quite a story of a remarkable native of Enid:

A DEVASTATING BLAST, AND A CALL TO SERVICE, By Phil Brown, Commentary

Vida Chenoweth's epiphany, as epiphanies are prone to do, began in a flash one spring morning in 1959, in New York City, in a small near north side Manhattan studio apartment. Vida was a concert marimbist. She was doing well, too. She had a recording contract with Columbia Records and in 1959 played a concert in New York City's Carnegie Hall. It was the only marimba concert ever in the famous hall. . . .
http://www.enidnews.com/archivesearch/local_story_107003817.html
(Enid Eagle April 16 via DXLD) See also NEW ZEALAND at the end

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 7325, 0720 13/3, Wantok Radio Light, fair-good with apology for lack of live broadcasts during move to new studios (Bryan Clark at Mangawhai, New Zealand with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWE to NE and various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas, April NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Re 8-047, ``Can anyone say for sure that they have heard Radio Central programming on 3290 kHz since 4890 kHz has been off air from last year?``

I think, that the Karai Service is relayed, when no local programming is broadcasted. In January I have heard an NBC ID on 3335 kHz with the announce of all Karai frequencies (including 4890 kHz), but no mentioning of the frequency I was listening to (3335 kHz). 73, (Patrick Robic, Austria, April 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Languages: see NEW ZEALAND at the end

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3385, R. East New Britain, 0957 19 April, end of English talk by M mentioning date, lively island music, usual short native wind instrumental music at ToH, then NBC English news in brief by M. Fair. Been hearing this for a while now and glad it's back.

3345, R. Northern, 1042 19 April, pleasant island music. More of the same when I came back at 1057 but beginning to fade a bit. NBC native music signature at ToH, then NBC news in brief, // 3315. Back to own program at 1105. Good with these PNGs heard this morning, 3905, 3385, 3365, 3335, 3315, 3290, 3260, 3235, and possibly 3205 (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD)

** PERU. El director de Radio Manantial, de Huancayo, Per', en 4991 kHz, pide que le reporten la se0al. El horario actual de transmisi0n es el siguiente: 0950-2400 UT. Su p0gina web actual es <http://www.somosmanantial.com> y all1 figura la direcci0n electr0nica del director, cuyo nombre es Leoncio Paco C. (Henrik Klemetz via Dario

Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** PERU. 3329.69, Ondas del Huallaga, Huancayo 1045 on the 5th April, seems to sign on a different times and not observed every day. IF notch helpful; 1020 good signal on 15 April.

4746.84, Radio Huanta 2000, Huanta, Ayacucho noted 1015 on 14 April; not on every morning (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach, SE FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 50 Años de Radio Tarma --- Estimados Amigos: Hoy es de aniversario la radio, y tienen preparados algunos souvenirs conmemorativos. Así que a captarla en los 4775 kHz. Suerte! (Alfredo Cañote, Perú, April 17, condiglist yg via DXLD)

** PERU. 4790, La Nueva Atentida. Iquitos. 2258-0230* Abril 18. Con anuncios sobre "casting" para locutores y DJ's; y promoción para la celebración del Día de la Madre. A las 2301 programa: Hora Junta. "...A través de la Nueva Atentida 106.5 frecuencia modulada y los 4790 kHz onda corta, presentamos el informativo Hora Junta, bajo la conducción del periodista Zenon Sánchez Ramírez... Hora Junta, espacio periodístico de opinión, entrevistas y participación popular..." A las 2330 compartiendo canal y produciendo fuerte ruido heterodino junto a Radio Visión 4790.2 kHz, entonces mejor en LSB.

Slogan: "...La Nueva Atentida, gúzala..." Continuaron otros espacios noticiosos como Ondas Policiales a las 0130. Fuera del Aire a las 0230*. Escuchada también esta mañana luego de las 1030 con el programa: Los Astros y su Destino..." [horoscope] Anuncian: "...relanzamiento de nuestra onda corta..." Para mí escuchada después de casi una década, al parecer bajo nueva administración de Producciones Gúzala (Rafael Rodríguez R., Bogotá, Colombia, April 19, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Now let the fun begin with the two Peruvians clashing and sorting them out (Glenn Hauser, DXLD) See also UNIDENTIFIED 4789.56!

** PHILIPPINES. Manila, DWBR, 104.3 Business Radio. Not meant to be a music station, but they play adult standards on weekends (Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Dinah Shore, Rosemary Clooney, etc.), using vinyl records. Check it out at <http://www.pbs.gov.ph/> You can hear the scratches and the records skipping. C.D., Pembroke Pines FL, wrote, "Good music, but they need another source!" (Mar-Apr FMedia via DXLD)

** PUERTO RICO. Format changes: Fajardo, WCMA-FM 96.5 n[ews], mono, as "Red Noticias FM", owned by Spanish Broadcasting Systems, said to be the nation's first all-Spanish 24-hour news operation. Expected to

change call letters (Mar-Apr FMedia! via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Rechecking the VOR English to NAm frequency schedule at <http://ruvr.ru/main.php?lng=eng&w=129&p=> as of April 18, we find it has been corrected to account for the anomalies reported at the beginning of the season, involving 13635 and 15425:

0100-0200 15425, 13775, 9665, 7250

0200-0300 13775, 9860, 9665, 9480

0300-0400 13775, 13635, 12065, 9860, 9665, 9480, 9435, 9800 (till 31.07.08), 5900 (from 1.08.08)

0400-0500 13775, 13635, 9860, 9665, 9435 9800 (till 31.07.08), 5900 (from 1.08.08) (via Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** SAINT HELENA. The following information was received this morning from Robert Kipp concerning the Radio St Helena Day 2007 QSL cards and also advising that the Radio St Helena Souvenirs are now sold out (Mark Nicholls, Editor NZ DX Times, April 16, ripple via DXLD)

Radio St. Helena Day 2007 Double-Anniversary QSL Cards

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The first batch of 110 RSD 2007 QSL cards was sent on the ship RMS St. Helena on 12. April. More QSL's will follow soon. This info is from Laura Lawrence, RSH Station Manager.

Radio St. Helena 40th Anniversary Souvenirs

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Radio St. Helena 40th Anniversary Souvenirs are sold out and should not be ordered any longer. If and when RSH might offer these souvenirs again has not been decided. Info via Laura Lawrence, Radio St. Helena.

With very best greetings to all, (Robert Kipp, via Nicholls, ibid.)

** SERBIA [non]. I caught International Voice of Serbia [sic] English for almost 5 minutes on 6175 [sic] at 0000 till wiped out by RHC and a co-channel on 6180 (Bob Thomas, Bridgeport CT, April 9, by P-mail, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

?? I suspect he meant 6185 where they are supposed to be and started the season. 6175 might work, but only until 0100 when Vietnam via Sackville starts, and IRS has more English at 0100. BTW, I see in Aoki Italian at 0030-0100 on 6185, just an assumption? This disappeared from IRS' original A-08 schedule; had been 0130 in B-season.

I checked again their new sked <http://www.glassrbije.org/images/1.png> and it still shows 6185 and no Italian. There is a gap at 0030-0100, but if they don't turn off the transmitter, Italian might still be on the satellite feed and get on the air anyway, as well as Serbian after

0130 as someone also noticed (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tra-la! Radio 'Yugoslavia' or as now called Radio Serbia [sic]. I just located English on 6185 [sic] at 0100, abrupt cut-off at 0127 (Bob Thomas, Bridgeport CT, April 13, by P-mail, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SINGAPORE. SPORE, 7235, Warna is audible here from 1340 13 April and then in a clear frequency. Some little QRM from CRI Indian on 1456 co channel and sporadically from 7240 again on 1500+ (Arab speaking station). This kind of reception as of A08 (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7275, Oli 96.8 FM (via Kranji) (tentative) 1407-1430+ 17 April. Fair to good in (presumed) Tamil with stock market report, phone yak, ad for Ramesh (or Romesh) Travel and Captain Cook Cruises mentioning several cities in OZ with partial phone # 691, 173 into sub-continental pops, more ads with occasional English words, another Ramesh Travel ad at 1428, DJ yak over music background and mashed by Firedrake-7270 (which had OC from usual *1401 'til audio turned on at 1430). (Dan Sheedy, CA, R75/EF102040, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SINT MAARTEN. Spent several hours Sunday night and Monday late morning into late afternoon listening to PJD6 FM, which is better known as "Oasis 96.3" in Philipsburg, St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles. Oasis 96.3 seems to play a mix of what we Americans would consider Oldies, Soul, R n B, MOR and the like.

I called up the Aftenroon Drive jock, Lydia G. Henderson to tell her I was very much enjoying the station. She was thrilled to pieces when I told her where I was as she lived in Atlanta for almost 2 years back in 2002 and 2003. We ended up talking for almost 20 minutes about radio and related topics, she was very nice and pleasant to talk to.

And since I was making such a long distance call, I decided to request a song, The Supremes' "Stop In The Name Of Love". It was the first thing I could think of that fit her "Soulful Monday" theme.

You can listen online to Oasis 96.3 PJD6 FM, along with PJD2-1300 AM, PJD2-102.7, 98.1 Pearl FM, Tropixx 105.5 and 99.9 Choice FM online by going to: <http://www.sxmradio.com>

Here are a few audio soundbites for you to listen to: If you're a jingle fan, like me, here are a few of their jingles:
<http://www.realradiousa.com/PJD6FM.mp3>

Also, a short scoped aircheck:
<http://www.realradiousa.com/Oasis963aircheck1a.mp3>

The mp3 files are encoded at 32K Mono. They were recorded off the station's webstream, which is obviously an off air pickup.

A few tips. If you go to their page the url's for the streams are formatted as such <http://stream.sxmradio.com:8060/channel5.mp3> and that would seem like it's merely an mp3 but it's not, load the entire URL into any MP3 player and it will work.

Also, if you ever have the desire to call a station in Saint Martin or another island that has a (XXX) XXX-XXXX formatted number like we have here in the US, instead of dialing 1 (XXX) XXX-XXX, you need to dial it as 011 (XXX) XXX-XXXX.

Just a few tips, I'm sure some might be aware of this but not everyone so I thought I'd pass along the tidbit of information. Anyways, Enjoy! (Paul Walker, SC, April 14, <http://www.realradiousa.com> ABDX via DXLD)

**** SLOVAKIA. Summer A-08 of Radio Slovakia International:**

ENGLISH	0100-0127	on	5930	9440
	0700-0727	on	9440	11650
	1630-1657	on	5920	6055
	1830-1857	on	5920	6055

GERMAN	0800-0827	on	6055	7345
	1330-1357	on	6055	7345
	1600-1627	on	5920	6055
	1800-1827	on	5920	6055

FRENCH	0200-0227	on	5930	9440
	1700-1727	on	5920	6055
	1930-1957	on	5920	6055

RUSSIAN	1300-1327	on	7345	9440
	1500-1527	on	7345	9535
	1730-1757	on	5920	7345

SLOVAK	0130-0157	on	5930	9440
	0730-0757	on	9440	11650
	1530-1557	on	5920	7345
	1900-1927	on	5920	6055

SPANISH	0230-0257	on	5930	9440
	1430-1457	on	9440	11600
	2000-2027	on	9440	11650

(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, April 15, via DXLD)

**** SLOVAKIA. Summer A-08 of NEXUS-IBA IRRS Shortwave from April 4:**
0930-1200 on 9510 RSO 150 kW / non-dir Eu/ME/NoAf EGR English Sun

1500-1800 on 9825 RSO 150 kW / 160 deg EaAf/Sudan MIR Eng/Ara Daily
1800-2000 NF 7290 RSO 150 kW / 160 deg Eu/ME/NoAf EGR English Fri-
Sun, ex-7285

EGR=European Gospel Radio MIR=Miraya FM Radio
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, April 15, via DXLD)

IRRS used to have a variety of other programs, maybe still on webcast
only? But on SW nothing but EGR and MIR. One may safely ignore EGR
without missing anything (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** SOMALIA. POLICE CLOSE DOWN PRIVATE RADIO STATION, ARREST
JOURNALISTS**

National Union of Somali Journalists (Mogadishu)
PRESS RELEASE 17 April 2008 Posted to the web 17 April 2008

National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ) today condemns the
closure of Radio Voice of Peace in Mogadishu and the subsequent arrest
of four its journalists and technician. . .
<http://allafrica.com/stories/printable/200804170910.html>

SOMALI GOVERNMENT SHUTS RADIO STATION, ARRESTS 5
Thu 17 Apr 2008, 13:26 GMT By Aweys Yusuf

MOGADISHU (Reuters) - Somali police on Thursday raided and closed an
independent radio station, arresting five employees in the latest
crackdown on media, staff said. Clutching AK-47 rifles, three
policemen stormed into the newsroom of Mogadishu-based Radio Voice of
Peace, the station's director Mohamed Ali Irole told Reuters. . .
<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnBAN751923.html>
(both via Zacharias Liangas, DXLD)

**** SPAIN [and non].** REE English to NAm 6055 continues to be splashed
by Cuba in espa001 on 6060 (Bob Thomas, Bridgeport CT, April 9, by P-
mail, DX LISTENING DIGEST) As ever. This appears to be much more of a
problem in ENAm than in CNAm, as per Aoki the Habanazimuth is 10
degrees, and Spain tends to be stronger here at this hour (Glenn
Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** SRI LANKA [non].** LONDON IBC RADIO - LTTE PROPAGANDA MOUTHPIECE
CONTINUOUSLY SPEWS RABID ANTI SRI LANKA CAMPAIGN --- Fri, 2008-04-18
04:33

London, 18 April, (Asiantribune.com): The Sri Lankan High Commission
in London which has come under heavy scrutiny recently over the
management has failed to get the LTTE's IBC Tamil radio station shut
down and get it off the air. By the blatantly ignorant approach, Sri
Lanka mission in London have simply ignored the LTTE's main media

propaganda radio station notwithstanding the fact that the IBC Tamil radio station is run by LTTE agents committing acts of terrorism against the Sri Lankan state. . .

<http://www.asiantribune.com/?q=node/10621>

(via Alokesh Gupta, DXLD)

It's not so definite that IBC is run by the LTTE faction of Tamils. UK broadcasting regulator OFCOM had never upheld any of the many complaints by the Sri Lankans about IBC (Glenn Hauser, *ibid.*)

** SURINAME. 4990, Radio Apintie, Paramaribo, tnx Anker Peterson tip, 0930 to 0940 music and subdued OM. 14 April (Bob Wilkner, Pûmpano Beach, SE FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4989.97, R. Apintie, M talk in Sranan-Tongo at tune-in, brief choral ID jingle, then ads. Fair but low modulation makes this difficult to ID. (15 April) (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD) Time missing

4990, Radio Apintie (Paramaribo) (Presumed), 0620-0645, 4/17/2008, Dutch(?). Pop music occasionally peaking above the noise. Weak signal in very poor, static filled, conditions. Could not hear any talk by an announcer, but signal was so marginal that it could easily have been missed. Music was of the variety previously heard from Radio Apintie. Have been hearing a carrier on 4990 for the past 4 or 5 nights, but no audio until tonight (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, TenTec RX-340, RF Space SDR-14, 90' Random Wire, 60' PAR EF-SWL, NASWA yg via DXLD)

4990, R. Apintie, Paramaribo; 18 April. Dutch/Sarnami 0915-0922 OM talks. Some CODAR and local QRM, 22432. 73's (L'cio Ot-vio Bobrûwec, Embu SP Brasil, Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Logs of Apintie seem to come in waves. Is this because they are irregularly on the air, or because once someone logs them, lots of others try? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** SWEDEN. Frequency change of Radio Sweden in various languages to ME from Apr. 14:

1600-1700 NF 11590 HB 500 kW / 120 deg, ex 11540 as follows:

1600-1630 in Persian Mon-Wed

1600-1630 in Assyrian Thu/Fri

1630-1700 in Kurdish Mon-Fri

(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, April 15, via DXLD)

** SYRIA. 12085, 2101 24/2, Damascus Radio, English program closed down with news highlights followed by orchestral National Anthem. Another English program opened with ID and announcements followed by program previews and news. Various segments with regional music

features between segments. Closed with 15 minutes of music before carrier terminated. Fair signal and decent enough reception although transmitter hum marred listening quality (Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA, April NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** TIBET [and non]. Do you happen to know if TPBS Lhasa in Tibetan has made any permanent cutbacks in transmission hours? 7385 did not open until 1500 on April 15, 6130 has been silent in past few days until 1700 making it a lot easier to hear VOIRI Bengali and TWR Manzini there. Best of DX, keep up the good work! (Martien Groot, Netherlands, April 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY [and non]. VOT, 15450, often not making it with pitiful propagation from Europe/Asia Minor, but it was arriving April 15 at 1306-1313 with The Troubled Island ñ Cyprus. This 7-minute talk should have lasted 9 minutes if the script-reader would just slow down from breakneck speed and increase intelligibility significantly. It's one of the shows they podcast, however, so we can listen again and again trying to understand every word, which seemed to be slanted against the Greek Cypriots for some reason (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Good move, V. Turkey Castellano to 9770 for A-08 between 0100-0200, avoiding somehow the splatter from AIR Vividh Bharati on 9870. Nevertheless, Sri Lanka in English used to have good arrival from time to time on the same sked on 9770 as I'm listening in the background this Thursday April 17. 73 (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica. Sony ICF7600GR, + T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

TRT, 9460 at 1730z via «akirlar (CAK), 500 kW @ 313 degrees. Interestingly, the bearing from CAK to my QTH is 319 so I'm in their beam. More than 5500 miles in daylight (Jerry Lenamon, Waco Texas, Drake R8B, sloper, April 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This is TRT's only remaining Turkish broadcast to NAM, at 1530-2100. They used to have much more into our evening. This is also designated for EU, and there are some more Turkish broadcasts aimed at WEU, really in the same direction as us (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE. 7490, international service of Kiev Ukraine produces two spurious signals on 7468...7475 and 7506...7512 kHz, at end of English around 1955-2000, and start of German service and news at 2000-2005 UT. Noted on three receivers like E1 EtŮn Lextronix, Sony ICF2010, and AOR 7030. 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, Germany, April 17, harmonics yg via DXLD)

** U K [non]. BBCWS via WHRI Furman, 9410, April 15 at 1231 had a this-day-in-history feature, EfemĒrides, about the Titanic and

McDonalds --- hmmm, one day late for Titanic. 1234 back to music fill, on this Tuesday the top ten pop discs. Never heard any further announcements until 1300* altho I was not paying close attention, instead to another excellent Late Night Live on RA 9580 featuring poets. (BTW, I found Cypress Creek much more romantic than Furman, didn't you? But the former name was tainted with Christian Science.)

Wednesday April 16 it was back to classical music at 1242 check, VG signal in non-warhorse piece I did not recognize, even with quiet passages during which I heard traces of Spanish, but probably cross-modulation from something else on 31 m.

Another check of BBCWS Spanish to Americas, via Furman 9410, VG signal April 17 at 1246 during another top-10 countdown. This is how BBCWS spends its money to serve the public with its mandate to be the world's most trusted news source?

Well, it is presented in Spanish, as they said ``en quinto lugar, Mariah Carey, Touch My Body``, and then she sang it in English! OK, I wouldn't mind doing that, but What Would Lester Do? // much weaker GUF 11860.

Checked 9410 Saturday April 19 at 1225 but WHRI was playing gospel rock, as BBC Spanish relay is still M-F only, since no news ever happens on weekends (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. BBC: SO WHAT'S MARK BYFORD UP TO THESE DAYS?

Mr. Byford, whom you may remember as being at the helm of the World Service when they switched off most of the shortwave transmitters in 2001, has been busy rebranding and reshaping BBC News...

See the story here: <http://snipurl.com/24rta> [www_independent_co_uk]

The role of new media -- and how people "consume" news in general -- continues to figure prominently in how Mr. Byford approaches the challenge (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, April 17, International broadcasting / shortwave blog: <http://www.intlradio.blogspot.com> Swprograms mailing list via DXLD)

Well, he's nothing if not enthusiastic. While I didn't much care for his response when we engaged him some years ago, he did have the courage and decency to respond personally and personally recognize the passion which others have for the BBC. He gets full marks for that. So, too, his point that (for at least the license-payers), the network has utilize all platforms to be fully accessible. (Would that he had taken the same attitude toward its international audience.)

The rest of it, though, is still open for debate IMO. For starters, the BBC has become increasingly unidimensional. For those many that valued its former breadth and versatility, this remains a source of distress and continues to seem strangely short-sighted in rather stark contrast to the network's stated intent of looking boldly to the future (John Figliozi, NY, *ibid.*)

**** U K. BBC TOURS --- TODAY ANNOUNCED THE BBC BROADCASTING HOUSE TOUR**

Discover the inside story of BBC Broadcasting House with a fascinating tour of the first purpose-built broadcast centre in Britain. Built in glorious art-deco style in 1932, the building has been undergoing sympathetic restoration and modernisation.

The tours, conducted by the BBC's award-winning guides, are likely to include art-deco highlights, such as the famous main reception with its original mosaic floor; visits to the newly restored Radio Theatre, home to such iconic shows as *The Goons* and *The News Quiz*, the Council Chamber, where BBC Governors and Board meetings used to take place, and the new digital radio studios, where BBC Radio 3 and 4 are recorded; and a chance to hear the history of the famous Eric Gill sculptures that decorate the front of the building.

From summer 2008, the tours will also offer the chance to take part in a fully interactive Radio Drama Experience.

Tours last approximately one sequihour and are suitable for those aged 12 years and above. Pre-booking is essential as tickets are not available on the day, and can be obtained by calling the booking line on 0870 603 03 04.

The dates for the 2008 tours are 11 May, 8 June, 6 July, 3 August, 7 September, 5 October, 2 November and 7 December.

Broadcasting House is located in Portland Place, Upper Regent Street in London and the nearest underground station is Oxford Circus.

BBC Press Office (via Mike Barraclough, England, April 15, worldclub via DXLD)

Thanks, Mike. This looks like a partial restoration of the "BBC Experience" exhibition which was a very popular attraction at Broadcasting House until a few years ago. We will add it to the BDXC list of radio museums shortly, I'm sure (Mark Savage, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

**** U S A [non]. 9760 used to be ``owned`` by VOA, but the last few years the Chicom have deliberately interfered with it. April 16 at**

1318 I found VOA English mixing at roughly equal level with something a few Hz away. I thought it was in Chinese language but per Aoki, CRI is now on there in English at 1200-1357, 135 degrees from Kunming (probably an American or copied American transmitter), while VOA via Tinang is scheduled 1200-1600 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. There he goes again. Jeffrey Gedmin, president of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, speaking at Heritage Foundation on 10 April: "We're not Voice of America. I happen to love Voice of America. As an American I think we need both. I think they're absolutely complimentary, and absolutely reinforcing. But Voice of America is chiefly about us, about explaining American foreign policies, and American society, and American culture." Audio available at Heritage Foundation <http://www.heritage.org/Press/Events/ev041008a.cfm>
See previous post about a similar Gedmin speech at CSIS
(kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

This is U.S. international broadcasting not as it is, but as it is repeatedly described to gullible audiences, e.g. the distinguished experts of Washington's think tanks.

If Gedmin loves VOA, he ought to listen to VOA sometime. He would discover that a great deal of VOA content is about the countries to which it broadcasts. He should be appalled by the extent to which VOA and the Radio Free stations are going after the same stories.

Herein lies the lose-lose situation faced by U.S. international broadcasting.

USIB loses with the status quo: the duplication in 23 languages, the fragmentation, the competition among its elements for audience, talent, and resources. This is a main reason the United States spends more on international broadcasting than Britain, while the BBC has more worldwide audience than all the elements of USIB combined.

USIB would also lose if its mythology is enforced. Simply eliminate duplication (I can see this in a future Heritage bullet point) by requiring VOA to broadcast only "about us," i.e. U.S. news. U.S. foreign policy, U.S. culture, with maybe also some world news. VOA would quickly lose most of its audience, because most of the audience for international broadcasting listens mostly to get the reliable news about their own countries that they aren't getting from their state controlled domestic media. Worse, the audience would have to tune to two U.S. stations to get all the news: the "surrogate" station for news about their own country, VOA for news about the rest of the world. The audience, of course, won't put up with such nonsense. They will tune to BBC to get all the news from the convenience of one station.

There is one win in this lose-lose situation. Multiple suites full of senior managers have jobs, even though one suite full would be more effective and less costly to the taxpayers. Those multiple senior managers can keep their jobs by continuing to give speeches in Washington, home of the distinguished experts who just fell off the turnip wagon (Kim Andrew Elliott, Posted: 17 Apr 2008, *ibid.*)

**** U S A. TOM COBURN, M.D., KEEPS JAMES GLASSMAN IN THE WAITING ROOM**

Senator Tom Coburn, M.D., has put a hold on the confirmation of James Glassman to succeed Karen Hughes as under secretary of State for public diplomacy. "Mr. Coburn has sought for years to obtain English transcripts of Farsi-language U.S. government broadcasts from the ... Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG). Mr. Glassman is BBG chairman. In his requests, the senator has cited reports of mismanagement of VOA's Persian service that has allowed anti-American content to creep into broadcasts. He also has expressed concerns that the service gives too much time to guests with pro-Iranian views. 'VOA has not been aggressive enough in promoting values of individual liberty and freedom in its Persian broadcasts,' said an aide to Mr. Coburn, who declined to give his name. The senator's office did not provide specific examples of anti-American or pro-Iranian language used in broadcasts. ...

The BBG has released about 140 hours of Persian service transcripts on its Web site, but Mr. Coburn has asked for thousands of hours, officials said. The National Virtual Translation Center (NVTC) transcribes the scripts and charges up to \$3,300 for an hour of air time, a VOA source said, adding that using cheaper services has resulted in 'mistranslations.' Congressional officials said the Senate approved some funds for transcribing purposes in a 'pilot project' last year, but they are not nearly enough to satisfy Mr. Coburn's request." Washington Times, 7 April 2008. See Kim's commentary. [just below]

"This is while VOA is widely seen in Iran as a heavily biased propaganda machine in favor of the US." Press TV, 7 April 2008. See previous post about same subject. Posted: 15 Apr 2008 (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

TOM COBURN, MD, AND HIS PRESCRIPTION FOR US INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING
<http://www.kimandrewelliott.com/?id=3801> [see for linux]

Senator Coburn has a long history of criticizing U.S. international broadcasting,. Search this website on Coburn, and see also his subcommittee minority web page about U.S. international broadcasting.

It is appropriate that Tom Coburn., M.D., adheres to the hypodermic theory of communication, also known as the bullet theory of communication. By insisting that international broadcasting should be "promoting values," he believes that it is a matter of sending message (A) to audience (B) to achieve desired effect (C).

The bullet theory was discarded by communication theorists by the 1940s. This is because audiences are not chained to their radio or television sets, and because those sets, except maybe in North Korea, tune more than one station. The audiences use that tuning facility to get the content they are looking for. They are looking for news that is more reliable and comprehensive than the news they get from their state controlled domestic media. The most credible station wins.

Because of pressure from Senator Coburn and other decision makers, U.S. international broadcasting is like Nickelodeon's CatDog, part news, part advocacy, and running in both directions.

Meanwhile, the BBC is a less ambiguous breed of international broadcaster. Soon, it's new Farsi language television service will compete with U.S. broadcasts to Iran. BBC's new Arabic television channel is already competing with Alhurra. We will soon find out which approach to international broadcasting is more successful in attracting audiences.

It is ironic that Senator Coburn, who positions himself as a federal budget watchdog, advocates not only an approach that is out of touch with why audiences tune to foreign broadcasts, but also a massive back-translation bureaucracy that could cost almost as much as the broadcasting effort itself. Who is going to read all that stuff? In most cases, nobody.

If U.S. international broadcasting to Iran says something that raises objections, the audio log file will be available. It can be put online, going back a month or more. The offending passage can be translated into English. Then we can have a lively debate about whether that content was biased, or not biased enough.

Speaking of out of touch, does Senator Coburn know that in his capacity as under secretary of State for public diplomacy, James Glassman would not have authority for international broadcasting, other than having one vote on the BBG? On the other hand, in his present capacity as BBG chairman, Mr Glassman is CEO of U.S. international broadcasting. If Senator Coburn is unsatisfied with U.S. international broadcasting as it is now, he would want to expedite Mr. Glassman's move from Independence Avenue SW to Foggy Bottom (Kim Andrew Elliott, Posted: 15 Apr 2008, kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

Hey Kim, debit where debit is due. You never identify Sen. Coburn, MD, as a Republican from Oklahoma! (gh, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re 8-047: Hi Glenn; Yes, I left WWCR in February. It was a fun and exciting way to extend my hobby of shortwave involvement. As you know, Professoring is my main job, and I'm preparing for the move up to Full Professor in the next year or so. It requires me to do more writing and traveling to Conferences. I must say that I enjoyed my time at WWCR and hosting and producing Ask WWCR. Many thanks to you and the listeners who helped make the program a success. It was a lot of fun. Maybe later in the future I can get back on the shortwaves. I want you to know that I still listen to shortwave and DX quite a bit. I read and listen to WOR with amazing regularity now, just as I did before and during my WWCR tenure. The best to you and your readers / listeners! Cordially; (Jerry Plummer, April 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7480.6, WWCR Nashville TN; 2138-2200+, 19 April; English religious program; Broadcasting from America's Music City, this is World-Wide Christian Radio. SIO=342, presume a spur. Brief CW QRN at 2149 & 2200. (Harold Frodge, MI, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Also heard and reported here recently; should be a matcher equal distance below 7465 (gh)

** U S A. Re 8-047: WMLK was off the air [9265] in February and is still off. The damaged antenna has not been repaired. I was told it would be a few more weeks at least (they also have a Festival coming up during which time they will be off regardless) and to listen to their Internet stream. I tried at <http://wmlkradio.net> but could not get it to work (Hans Johnson, Naples FL, Apr 15, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Referred to the DRM item (gh, DXLD) Understood, the new transmitter has never been on the air. I am referring to the homebrew transmitter that they had been using for analogue SW on 9265 (Hans Johnson, FL, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** U S A. Very distorted scratchy spur on 9335, April 15 at 1320, not strong but marring reception of VOK, sob. I looked around for source. It did not match BS on WWRB 9385, RHC or CRI on 31m frequencies. Was also there before 1300, and still at 1343, when I concluded it matched WTJC 9370 with Alex Scourby Bible readings --- I matched it more by feel, with my hand on the speaker, than by ear, a technique all should try in difficult paralleling situations. (However, no healing effect was noticed.) Nothing like it 35 kHz above on 9405. Wish Jesus would hurry up and Come, so we can be done with these crappy FBN transmitters on 5920 and 9370. On second thought --- (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. A new shortwave station, KTMi, has a construction permit from the FCC and is trying to get on the air this summer in Oregon.

They are looking for various pieces of equipment: transmitters, baluns, antenna hardware, studio equipment, wire, transformers, etc. If you should have any such surplus equipment, please email Bob at bob@lund.com (April NASB Newsletter via DXLD)

** U S A. KAIJ Signs Off --- George McClintock has informed NASB Secretary-Treasurer Dan Elyea that member station KAIJ (Two if by Sea Broadcasting) has signed off and will not be returning to the air. George has applied for his own shortwave station near Nashville, Tennessee (April NASB Newsletter via DXLD)

** U S A. I FEEL LOST WITHOUT EWTN SHORTWAVE

I had been listening to EWTN programming on shortwave radio for at least ten years. I got my first shortwave radio when Mother was still selling them. In recent years I have come to listen more and more, and supported EWTN regularly. I would listen while working in my shop, or in the kitchen, or even outside in the summer. But alas, on March 30, all has suddenly gone silent. And I had bought a new shortwave radio just two weeks before the frequency and "target" changes...and this week the Holy Father is visiting our country.

I hope that EWTN will at least modify their broadcasting so that we can receive programs in the evening hours when the new target countries (Africa, Middle East) are asleep anyway. Meanwhile, the non-catholics [sic] are coming in loud and clear on shortwave over here in the USA. One evening last week I counted 12 non-catholic preaching stations coming in crystal clear with just the whip antenna on the radio. One preacher I tuned in to was carrying forth on how the rapture was coming on May 21, 2011 ! In view of such, it is really a pity that there is no more Catholic shortwave here in North America to broadcast the truth. Jim in Wisconsin (James Minimus, April 12, Catholic Answers Forum, via Kim Elliott, DXLD)

<http://forums.catholic.com/showthread.php?t=233208>

Following discussion among people who don't understand how SW worx, and even think WEWN has given up on it.

Weak station in English on 11560, fading in and out April 17 at 1318 talking about The Holy Father, so must be WEWN calling Mr. Ratzinger that. At first I wondered if they had moved from 11550 to avoid Cairo collision, which does not start until 1500, but 11560 is already scheduled at 1100-1400 to SE Asia, then 1400 onwards in Spanish on 11550, where still heard at 1418 check (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. TRANSMISI" N DE N/ MEROS EN LOS 9955 KHz!!!! !=

El pasado 12 Abril = UT a las 0306, 9955 KHZ, sin jamming, una y otra vez se repetía "cero - cero - ciento veinte - ciudad del Vaticano".. esto se mantuvo por varios minutos, incluso después de las 0314 UT.

NO, NO era motivo para ENIGMA, en un correo, Jeff White, dice que su Computadora (ordenador) se quedó trabada y eso, por casualidad, Él junto a su esposa, se percataron desde fuera de la estación a través de una conexión a la emisora, y al igual que a mí, parecía algo chistoso, para reírse un poco con las cosas que oímos en la onda corta. Supongo que era la hora de retransmitir a Radio Vaticana, y lo que daba era parte de la dirección de la misma: 00120 Ciudad del Vaticano.

Dice Jeff, si nos preguntan, vamos a decir que se trataba de una emisión de números a Cuba, jajajajaja!!!! Hasta pronto, ...y el buen humor es necesario para una vida feliz (Magdiel Cruz Rodríguez, Jiutepec, Morelos, México, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WRMI was also off-schedule UT Thursday at 0530, when WOR did not appear at its scheduled first time; instead, R. Praga in Spanish, which is supposed to be at 0430 and 0630. Jeff wasn't sure how it got so far off, but says he ran WOR at 0600, apparently by manual override.

In the good old days when I worked in radio, a station was under the physical and mental control at all times by an actual human being running a control board at the station, such as myself. This is inconceivable today. This did not lead to perfection, but if mistakes were made they could quickly be corrected (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re: 1700 kHz WRCR - WJCC found

I have solved the mystery station on 1700 kHz. After reading Paul Walker's response, it became apparent that no such physical presence of the antenna tower(s) exists. Just the record at the FCC database. (Re: today's DXLD 8-047 at bottom). Admittedly, my limited knowledge was based on 'common sense' and I thought such listings of pattern and location were available after the tower was constructed: not before.

Turns out that I was again listening to 1700 kHz in the 0200-0300 EDT (0600-0700 UT) time frame on 4/14/08, and a similar family of music appeared as propagation varied. This time, I was able to catch a clear call of, "This is WJCC AM." at 0240 EDT (0640 UT). Knowing this, I'm not surprised at all. I have read reports of WJCC being received in Northern Europe at this time frame. A tip of the cap to the engineer who set up the Hialeah antenna. Nice signal throw and direction. Now, this might not seem like much for a Grundig G5 barefoot, but the

actual ID was made on a 1 transistor simple home-brew set. It popped up nicely between 0238 and 0245 EDT (0638 to 0645 UT), and again 0651 to 0658 UT. SINPO 1-4/3/1-4/3 (when audible), with WEUP faint and flutter under. The G5 confirmed receptions after 0300 EDT (0700 UT) and is noted with same SINPO, as no synchro-tune available (Paul Shaffer, Cheshire, CT, 1T & G5 barefoot, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Haitian pirate in Florida --- This appears to be a pirate station in Ft Lauderdale. I'm amazed they have a website including live stream. Says they've been on since 1997. Has anyone heard this station? How could a pirate go this long?
http://www.radioidealfm.com/about_us.html
(Randolph Zerr, KW4RZ, grid EM60qk, Fort Walton Beach, Florida, FM DX page <http://www.geocities.com/kw4rz> April 14, WTFDA via DXLD)

SE FL had (still has?) dozens of pirates and I think many have been on many years. Heard that many are portable. Most of the FMs can be heard maybe 10 miles and sometimes there would be two on a frequency at the same time. I'd have to call them very challenging DX targets. Very few use AM but when I was down there several years ago, there was one on 1120 that could be heard for maybe 50 miles. 73 (George Sherman, MN, ibid.)

** U S A. Sobre Caracol 1260 AM --- Saludos Listeros, Anoche sobre las 2300 UT pude escuchar en AM las emisiones de Radio Caracol 1260 AM desde Miami; me causa admiraci n porque hace un tiempo que la estaba escuchando en ocasiones, pero hace unos d as la escucho "casi" como una estaci n local; quisiera saber si alguien tiene datos de esta emisora, o sea, potencia, horarios, etc. Saludos cordiales a todos (Yandys Cervantes Rodr guez, Buey Arriba, Granma, Cuba, April 16, noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

Yandys, Puedo responder que seg n su antena direccional, la mayor parte por la noche se dirige al este. Por el d a hay varios `lobes`, incluso uno menor hacia el occidente de Cuba y otro mayor hacia el oriente, pero nulo hacia el centro.

Parece que a las 23 TU se hubieran comenzado condiciones casi nocturnas antes del cambio a su antena dirigida hacia el Atl ntico. WSUA est  en el aire las 24 horas, con 50 kW por el d a y 20 por la noche. Y  cu l de Radio Enciclopedia, 1260 en Arroyo Arenas? 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** U S A. KFUO-AM Lost \$3.5M Since 2001
From
<http://www.stltoday.com/stltoday/news/stories.nsf/religion/story/2AA6C162EE5AE3EA8625742C001087AA?OpenDocument>

He said KFUO-AM (the church also runs KFUO-FM, a classical music station) has lost \$3.5 million since 2001, including more than \$600,000 last year. "We have tried every cost-cutting measure we can think of for a long time," Strand said. "And we've tried every fundraising measure we can think of." Strand would not say whether the church was considering a sale of its stations (via Tim Kridel, IRCA via DXLD)

Then why the heck did they invest in IBOC gear? Boy, did they get suckered! (Barry McLarnon VE3JF Ottawa, ON, ibid.)

** U S A. Be sure not to miss the scenery on our drive through Far West Texas. <http://www.marfapublicradio.org/index.html>
(Tom Michael, General Manager, Marfa Public Radio Newsletter, April 14, via DXLD)

As in membership drive, ha ha. According to animation of scenery, KRTS emits only 40 signals per minute, considerably less than the assumed 93,500,000 per second, from a self-supporting tower, in front of rather than on top of the mountains, and the tower is periodically eclipsed by a cow. This is the station which first went on the air without such niceties as an FCC license, but seems to have gotten away with it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. KUNM, Albuquerque, on webcast heard announcing all the new relay stations and translators at 1459 UT April 17. This is really a note to self to be prepared to record and copy in detail another day at same time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Which is exactly what I did April 18 at 1459:

KUNM, 89.9, Albuquerque - Santa Fe
88.7, KBOM, Socorro
90.9, KRRT, Arroyo Seco - Taos
91.9, KRAR, Española
and translators
91.9, Las Vegas, K220AW, and Nageezi, K220EM
91.1, Eagle Nest, K216CT, and Cuba, K216CU

Where's Nageezi? Further up US 550 from Cuba, halfway to Farmington. But the FCC records for this don't mention Nageezi, but instead DZILTH-NA-O-DITH-HLE, NM. How's that for a city of license?! Why in the world does KUNM refer to it as Nageezi instead? Pronounced with a silent G (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Facilities changes granted:

NM, Arroyo Seco, KRRT, *90.9 (from 91.3), 6000 h,v; -200m, d-a, with 58% power at 240 degrees, 10 km estimated coverage.

NM, Española, KRAR, *91.9, 5900 h,v; 162 m, 35 km.

New stations granted:

NM, Chama, *91.7, 4500 h,v; 95 m, d-a, 45% at 240 degrees, KUTE, Inc., 26 km

NM, Clayton, *90.5, 1000 h, 78 m, Better Public Broadcasting Association, 16 km

NM, Red River, *91.1, 100 watts h,v; -384m, Top O' Texas Educational Broadcasting Association, 4 km. [see also OKLAHOMA]

Non-IDs, Not Just Slogans: WY, Warren AFB, KOLT-FM, 92.9, 'La Pantera'. Serves Denver CO, and is commercial free for one month.

Call letters changed:

IA, Winterset-Des Moines, 99.5, KPUL (ex-KZZQ). Went off the air in late Feb, and has returned, stunting, saying 'The Pulse 99.5' will take over. Listeners have been subjected to a heartbeat sound, which is to get louder as the launch date [when?] nears. Says it will play 'positive' music for 18-to-24-year-olds (Mar-Apr FMedia! via DXLD)

** U S A. NMN Chesapeake and NMG New Orleans broadcast USB Voice weather for for marine users as follows:

	-----NMN-----			-----NMG-----		
0330 offshore	4426	6501	8764	4316	8502	12788
0515 high seas	4426	6501	8764	4316	8502	12788
0930 offshore	4426	6501	8764	4316	8502	12788
1115 high seas	6501	8764	13089	4316	8502	12788
1530 offshore	6501	8764	13089	4316	8502	12788
1715 high seas	8764	13083	17314	4316	8502	12788
2130 offshore	6501	8764	13089	4316	8502	12788
2315 high seas	6501	8764	13089	4316	8502	12788

(via Ken Zichi, MI, MARE Tipsheet April 18 via DXLD)

** VATICAN [and non]. RV's printed A-08 schedule folder, metermarked 8 April, has arrived in the P-mail. At first glance the transmission grid looks quite explicit and well-organized. Each target area (or rather azimuth sector) is indicated by a letter from A to Z, conveniently, now 26 of them! These are in two groups, one close-in for Europe, and the other far-out for the rest of the world. Explained thus:

'Capital letters following frequencies indicate the radiation direction of the antennas. Omnidirectional service when capital letters are omitted.'

MW and FM frequencies have no capital letters, tho both COULD be direxional if desired or needed. But some of the SW frequencies are also letterless, and I know they are NOT omnidirectional.

They are instead relays from sites other than SMG, which VR refuses to acknowledge! That would require more maps, each centred on a relay site, inconvenient. But does VR also not want its uninformed SWLs to know that they have entered into relay deals with a number of other broadcasters, some even ex-Communist? You would never know about them by looking at this folder.

Claiming to be omnidirexional from Vatican rather than direxional from Sackville, for example, are 9610 and 6040.

Also letterless is Chinese at 1230-1315 on 6020 and 9900. 6020 we know is RVA Philippines, as it ruins reception of R. Australia even here during that semisesquihour, as reconfirmed April 17 at 1240 and 1254 chex. Per Aoki, 9900 is Novosibirsk at 111 degrees. There are quite a few others which I will not go into here, as anyone can look them up in the online references.

More anomalies in the RV sked: certain transmissions are marked with a Maltese cross, denoting they are liturgies, such as 0730 Mass in Italian on Sundays and Holy Days. Why, then, is the Mass in Latin, daily at 0530, not so marked?? A throwback to the old days when Latin was suppressed? Surely the traditional Latin mass should now overshadow those in mere XXI century vernaculars.

This is also an opportunity for me to repeat my perennial complaint that VR never shows the END time of transmissions. You may guess that they are about 5 minutes before the start of the next transmission, but there is not always any next transmission in a given group! And not all languages in a given group are of the same length.

The text article in the folder is about Travelling with the Pope, as he is currently in the USA, and many other visits abroad are scheduled this year. Refers to <http://www.radiovaticana.org> where you will find the times of live broadcasts. I have already checked the frequently updated Special Broadcasts page <http://www.radiovaticana.org/coorpro/entrasmisspec.htm> ñ a link to which is not easy to find on their web pages, and not given in the folder either.

Sometimes papal visits provoke special SW transmissions on special frequencies, but none at all shown for the current visit to USA, just lots of special live transmissions on satellite and on MW, FM in the Roma area (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also USA: WEWN

** VENEZUELA. RADIO EUSKADI EN VENEZUELA --- 18/04/08

Se emitir·n especiales de "Boulevard" y "M·s que palabras", los d·as

23, 26 y 28 de abril y a lo largo de la programación especial de Radio Euskadi durante toda la semana se incluyeron conexiones desde Venezuela.

La emisora Radio Euskadi de EITB va a emitir programas especiales desde Venezuela país que acogió sus emisiones durante el franquismo lo que permitió que su señal se siguiera escuchando en Euskadi. Con motivo del 25 aniversario de la última etapa de la emisora pública quiere recordar esa etapa con ayuda de quienes la hicieron posible. .

<http://www.eitb.com/castellano/noticias/noticia.asp?id=443960>
(via Jos  Miguel Romero, Spain, dxldyg via DXLD)

What was the actual transmitter site of Radio Euskadi? RNV transmitters? I've got a QSL from them (1968) on 15080 kHz saying the transmitter power is 80 kW. That was a usual "Radio Euzkadi - Euzkadi Irratia" card with the antenna photo (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, ibid.)

** VENEZUELA. LOS SIMPSONS VUELVEN A LA TELEVISI N VENEZOLANA.
<http://www.infobae.com/contenidos/375468-100891-0-Los-Simpsons-vuelven-la-televisi n-venezolana>

Televen acord  volver a programarlo pero en el horario de la noche. En tanto, espera se resuelva el proceso sancionatorio por transmitir la serie en el espacio infantil de la ma ana

Televen suspendi  a inicios de mes la emisi n de "Los Simpson" despu s que Conatel le abri  un proceso por difundir la serie de la familia disfuncional a las 11 de la ma ana.

La Comisi n de Telecomunicaciones objet  el programa aduciendo que contiene im genes y lenguaje inapropiados para los ni os.

Por su parte, la asesora de comunicaciones corporativas de Televen, sostuvo que Los Simpson volv an al aire pero los mi rcoles, a las 7 de la tarde seg n informa el diario venezolano El Nacional en su versi n on line.

Asimismo, desde Conatel, anunciaron que Televen podr a ser sancionado con multa, suspensi n de espacios, o cierre temporal por 72 horas, por transmitir el famoso programa en horario supervisado, y desacatar durante dos meses una orden del organismo que lo obligaba a cambiarla de hora. Sin embargo, no inform  en cuanto tiempo emitir  una decisi n sobre el caso.

Sobre los plazos se estableci  el lapso de diez d as para presentar pruebas y otros diez d as m s para la evacuaci n de las mismas.

Despu s de terminar este tiempo, el Directorio de Responsabilidad Social cuenta con treinta d as h biles para conocer del caso (v a Jos  Miguel Romero2, Spain, April 18, condiglist yg via DXLD)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. Log from unattended recording: 1550, RASD, Tindouf, Algeria; Arabic music and announcements, then into Spanish at 2300 14/4 with ID i  de la Radio Nacional Saharaui  and light songs. Good peaks. 73s (Martin A. Hall, Clashmore, Scotland. Perseus SDR, NRD-545, RPA-1 preamp, MFJ-1026 phaser (modified), beverages: 513m at 233 degrees, terminated; 506m at 279 degrees, terminated; 550m at 338 degrees, terminated; 50m at 321 degrees, unterminated. <http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/clashmoreradio/> MWC via DXLD)

Polisario Front, Rabouni, near Tindouf, Algeria. While 1550 kHz is active, now they are most probably experiencing some more severe problems with the HF tx used for 6300 as the signal was missing on 15 & 16 April, so the not more than occasional short break downs may have developed into a more serious issue; this would not be a total surprise from this station anyway. While that [meanwhile?], I have been observing their past frequencies of 7460 & 7470, or even 700 kHz just in case, but nothing is heard. Their operation seems to include local VHF-FM transmitter(s) too. 73, (Carlos Gon alves, Portugal, April 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Even tho we are in summer season propagation now, 6300 RASD seems transmitting with reserve unit of lower power now. Checked it mornings and nights on past days. Signal was always readable and I could follow the program easily, but signal is overall tiny now. Compared signal to the nearby IRL Pirate 6295 and KRE 6285. 73 wb (Wolfgang B schel, Germany, April 17, ibid.)

Wolfgang, Maybe they're putting less power on 6300, but that's certainly not noticed over here: the way I see it, it's nothing but a propagation issue. The situation right now, i.e. as I write this, 2121 UT:

1550 > S9+30 dB

6300 > peaking S9+15~20 dB, I'd say QSB=3~4, which is good as compared to many other occasions, but this is worse than at s/on, and as I said, it will get even poorer towards s/off time at 0000. 73, (Carlos Gon alves, Portugal, Apr 17, ibid.)

Polisario Front, Rabouni, near Tindouf, Algeria. Today's observations on 1550 & 6300 kHz: Arabic program, music, talks, news bulletin 0800, more music; I could not stay as late as the usual Friday s/off time of 1000:

1550 kHz

0733-f/out 0850, 35443 but deteriorating till fade out of course

6300 kHz

0732-0940, 45444. In the evening, the reception on this frequency may gradually deteriorate to a point that the signal becomes extremely weak; this is surely due to propagation but also to the fact that I'm too close, so 1550 kHz remains the chief outlet for me.

During some moments, the carriers remained empty, but that's typical of them. Schedule is 0700-0900 (Fri. 1000) & 1700-2300 in Arabic, 2300-0000 in Castilian. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, April 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear all. Now at 2230 UT (Apr 17) I receive them here in Copenhagen: 1550 steady S 7 but much noise on the channel 6300 S 6-9 fading up and down on a clear channel. Best 73 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, April 17, *ibid.*)

Dear Anker, In this report,

"6300, R Nacional de la Rep'blica Arabe Saharaui, Rabouni. Both Apr 06 and 07 the station was off the air, but it returned on Apr 07 at 1825 with excellent signal 45454. Change of schedule ? (Romero). Heard Apr 04, 05 and 07 at 2015-2340 with political declarations in Arabic, local songs, 2300 Spanish programme as usual, strong at start 45444, but deteriorated to 23222, so obviously a transmitter problem! (BOC 12 and Petersen)"

Who says "deteriorated to 23222, so obviously a transmitter problem!": Giampero Bernardini & Dario Monferini or you, Anker?

This may well be what I experience daily with Polisario 6300: good at sign-on, then gradually deteriorating, and at 2300-0000 for Castilian the signal is often barely readable, though without any QRM, surely because I am in the skip zone, but, yes, I also know I'm closer to Rabouni than any of you.

Sorry about mentioning "Polisario Front" all the time, but until they become a country, if ever, I won't say "R. RASD" or anything alike. Inactive on 6300 on 15 & 16 Apr, but back at full strength this evening // 1550. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, April 17, *ibid.*)

Dear Carlos, It was me in the DX-Window item, who noticed a considerable deterioration in the quality during the heard broadcast! Best 73, (Anker Petersen, *ibid.*)

6300, Algeria, National R. of Sahara Arab Democratic Republic (presumed), Rabouni; 18 April, Arabic, 2144 Arabic selections

(prevalence of sitar and choral style), 2201-2203 YL talks, OM talks alternating short music. Tune in a good signal and slowly improving, 33343. 73's (L'cio Ot·vio BobrŰwiec, Embu SP Brasil, Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 3200.14, 0650 29/3 with pop rhythms but too weak. Presumed 1600 AM harmonic from somewhere in Americas (Bryan Clark at Mangawhai, New Zealand with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWE to NE and various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas, April NZ DX Times via DXLD) Same as Chuck Bolland has been hearing in FL (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. LA, 4789.56, LA pop music at 1002 19 April, lively ad block 1003-1006, then back to LA pops. 1010 near screaming announcements by M with buenos días and possible mention of Trujillo. ID at 1011:10 sounding like "Latino la radio". 1014 more screaming announcements by same M beginning with what sounded like mention of "?? Super Cusco!!". Fair strength but QRM from CODAR and 4790.07 R. VisiŰn. Been hearing this for the past week. Who?? (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD) Looks like the New ATLANTIDA --- See PERU

UNIDENTIFIED. Re 8-047, 4905, CHAD? 4905 ñ Brasil. Radio Anhanguera, Araguaína. Programa religioso com citaÁ„o das Escrituras Sagradas, livro de Samuel: "a culpa leva a loucura". Em 11/04/08, entre 01h45min a 02h00min. Sinpo: 34333 (GEORGE HENRIQUE, BRASŰLIA-DF, BRASIL, SANGEAN ATS 909, MOTOGLOBE DIGITAL, ANTENA LOOP BLINDADA, @tividade DX April 13 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6312.13 measured, 1855 2 March, station with orchestrals, announcements in Arabic-type language. Time signals 1900. Very weak, not heard since (Bryan Clark at Mangawhai, New Zealand with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWE to NE and various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas, April NZ DX Times via DXLD)

If we had heard about it immediately a sesquimonth earlier, the DXLD yg might have identified it (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9744.6, 0310 29/3 Middle Eastern station; and 30/3 hetting HCJB 9745 audible past 0445 but difficult reception. Could this be Bahrain? (Bryan Clark at Mangawhai, New Zealand with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWE to NE and various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas, April NZ DX Times via DXLD)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

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Dear Glen[n], enclosed is a donation for World of Radio. Yes, it's

okay to use my name, and I'm happy to contribute! (Donna Kay Ring, Baltimore MD, WORLD OF RADIO 1404, with a check in the mail to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702)

#### PUBLICATIONS

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#### AOKI / NDXC FREQUENCY LIST

Hi Glenn, this is an interesting list! I fact I wonder how up-to-date it actually is because it contains e.g. this station:

4980 Ecos del Torbes 0900-0400 1234567 Spanish 10 ND San Cristobal

Which is inactive already for many years. The list is dated April 15, 2008 so I am confused a little bit. Thanks, 73 (Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, HCDX via DXLD)

As most of you know, this station ceased operations on shortwave several years ago. And when active, about 10 years ago, their monitored sked on 4980 was 09-13, 20-04, while 9640 was operating at 13-19. See for instance PWBR, 1999 edition (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, *ibid.*)

Dear friends, For the Domestic SW stations and clandestines, I can recommend the new Domestic Broadcasting Survey no. 10, published yesterday. Its column 'Last log' ensures that the content of each item is current! Please read more at <http://www.dswci.org/dbs>  
Best 73, (Anker Petersen, [editor of same], *ibid.*)

Aoki do leave in a lot of outdated info, especially tropical bands, which one must beware of, but the international band listings are usually current, and they often indicate at the right whether it is an A-08 schedule or if not available, something older. And it is constantly being updated, almost every day as given at the top. 73, (Glenn Hauser, *ibid.*)

Two CRI French transmissions which have been cancelled 2 years ago are still mentioned. So I also think that outdated info are still in their database. 73 (Jean-Michel Aubier, France, *ibid.*)

Let's hope the independently compiled EiBi skeds for A-08 are soon available. One should really compare those also with HFCC, WRTH+updates when researching any station/frequency usage (gh, DXLD)

#### EIBI LIST ALMOST

Hi Eike, Everyone is eagerly awaiting your A08 schedules. How are they

coming along? 73, (Glenn to Eike Bierwirth, via DXLD)

Hi Glenn, they are almost done. VoR still needs some checking, but I plan to get them ready in the very next few days. Very busy, however, finishing my PhD thesis. All the best, (Eike Bierwirth, April 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### SHORTWAVE EMAIL RECEPTION REPORT DATABASE?

Can anybody tell me if there are any shortwave reception report databases (by DXers or DX groups) available online for dxers who send their reports via email for domestic & international shortwave broadcasting radio stations?

I would like to be able to have access to list of regularly updated radio station email addresses along with info such as:

1. If station accepts MP3 files or wave files (with any file size restrictions)
2. If station accepts attachments to emails, such as \*.doc and or \*.pdf files for reception reports.

Some stations do AND others don't. But does this information exist here in cyber space for DXers to access? If not, I'm sure a databases for all DXers could be established on a Yahoo Group. Would welcome any feedback on this topic. Regards (Ian Baxter, Australia, April 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

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#### ENCUENTRO NACIONAL DIEXISTA, GOMEZ PALACIO, 14-17 AGOSTO 2008

A todos amigos radio aficionados y Diexistas (Apasionados por la radio, radioescuchas de onda corta, y de todo el espectro radioelÉctrico), Gente de radio, que hace radio, que participa en la radio, amantes de la radio:

Se prepara en la ciudad de Gomez Palacio, Durango (MÉxico) el 14 Encuentro Nacional Diexista manejando como probable fecha los días 15, 16 y 17 de Agosto del año en curso (2008).

Preparen sus equipajes y radios portatiles para dicho evento. Escribame y estén pendientes de m's noticias. 73 y buenos DX!!!!

Información proporcionada por: Paul Sebastian Caldera Aguayo  
(XE2LPS) pal\_sebastian\_c @ hotmail.com

\*FAVOR DE REENVIAR ESTE CORREO A TODOS LOS DIEXISTAS QUE CONOZCAN DE

M...XICO Y EL MUNDO, Y A GENTE DE RADIO QUE EST... INTERESADO EN  
PARTICIPAR!!!! GRACIAS (via Magdiel Cruz Rodríguez, Morelos, April  
18, DXLD)

RADIO PHILATELY  
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MARCONIAN POSTMARK

Received by collector in Spain Mr. Juan Franco Crespo:  
<http://i296.photobucket.com/albums/mm182/hanurg/matasellosmarconi.jpg?t=1208397340>  
(via Horacio Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, radiostamps yg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING DRM: BANGLADESH; CZECHIA; FRANCE; GERMANY; INDIA;  
+++++ NETHERLANDS; NEW ZEALAND; USA WMLK IBOC: USA KFUO

DTV, LPTVS, & GOVERNMENT COUPON

It is my understanding that the whole justification for the mandatory  
US analog-TV-to-Digital changeover is to free up spectrum now used  
for analog TV transmission, so that the FCC can get money for  
auctioning it off, and also have some to assign to public-service  
agencies for "interoperability".

So there have been massive amounts of advertisements and publicity  
about the February '09 changeover, but I have seen no public  
information addressing the point that LPTV stations do NOT have to  
change over to digital; they'll remain on the air using their analog  
transmitters. I haven't even been able to determine if they will ever  
be forced to change to digital.

So how can these two things be reconciled? How can the spectrum be  
"freed" if there are still LPTV stations using it? And if it is just  
that they'll be restricted to certain channels (and that some will  
have to move), if \*they\* can continue to use analog, why cannot the  
regular-power TV stations also remain there using analog?

There's another aspect of this: For years, I have felt that the main  
victims of this change are the elderly who may not have the funds to  
conform to the new standards, and who certainly don't have the  
technical knowledge to understand it. The prime examples I've cited in  
this are people in assisted-living and nursing homes, who get most of  
the little pleasure they have in their lives from watching television.  
(Vision limitations often restrict their reading capability.) Now, I  
just read in the AARP Bulletin (March, 2008, page 8) that these exact  
people are being prevented from getting the government-issued coupons  
for DTV converter boxes! To quote: "There's a kink in the program;  
government guidelines say all coupons must be sent to 'households',

which does NOT include residents in nursing homes and adult care facilities for their personal TVs. The NTIA has had to turn down dozens of such requests, but is discussing the issue with professional and advocacy organizations for extended care facilities nationwide to try to resolve the problem."

It would be wonderful to see an angry mob of senior citizens hurling bricks and flaming torches through the windows of the FCC offices in February '09; it would probably take "taking away our TV" to get us riled up enough to really DO something... Anyway, if anybody on this group is up-to-date on these issues, I'd sure like to see continuous info posted here as it becomes available.

I've sent the top paragraphs of this off to the editor at Monitoring Times, in the hope that they keep addressing the issues. 73, (Will Martin, St Louis MO, April 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM +++++

DEGEN DE 1103

Has anyone used one of the DEGEN DE 1103 shortwave receivers? How have you found the performance? I bought one for \$84.00 shipped from Shanghai via e bay. Have not received it yet (customs etc) but I have read it's quite a good receiver. Best Wishes (Chris Lewis, England, April 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

AOR 3030 YG

I have started a new Yahoo group dedicated to discussion of the AOR 3030 receiver. Feel free to take a look -- it's 3030Love under the Yahoo directory (Dan Robinson, DC, April 18, NASWA yg via DXLD)

#### PROPAGATION +++++

Geomagnetic field activity ranged from quiet to active levels during much of the period. However, intermittent minor to major storm periods also occurred at high latitudes. ACE solar wind measurements indicated Earth was under the influence of a recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream during the period. Solar wind velocities were elevated throughout the period with a peak of 778 km/sec detected at 08/1740 UTC and a minimum of 500 km/sec detected at 11/2044 UTC. IMF Bt was variable with a range of 1 - 7 nT. IMF Bz was variable with a range of +/- 5 nT.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 16 APRIL - 12 MAY 2008

Solar activity is expected to be very low. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach high levels during 16 April and 23 April - 12 May. Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet levels during 16 - 22 April. Activity is expected to increase to active to major storm levels during 23 - 25 April due to a recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream. Activity is expected to decrease to unsettled levels during 26 - 27 April as the high-speed stream subsides. Quiet conditions are forecast during 28 - 30 April. Activity is expected to increase to unsettled to active levels during 01 - 05 May with minor storm levels likely on 02 May as another recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream affects the field. Activity is expected to decrease to quiet to unsettled levels during the remainder of the period as the high-speed stream subsides.

:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27DO.txt

:Issued: 2008 Apr 15 2223 UTC

# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center

# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web

# <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html>

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# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

# Issued 2008 Apr 15

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| # UTC       | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest  |
|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| # Date      | 10.7 cm    | A Index   | Kp Index |
| 2008 Apr 16 | 70         | 5         | 2        |
| 2008 Apr 17 | 70         | 5         | 2        |
| 2008 Apr 18 | 70         | 5         | 2        |
| 2008 Apr 19 | 70         | 5         | 2        |
| 2008 Apr 20 | 75         | 5         | 2        |
| 2008 Apr 21 | 80         | 5         | 2        |
| 2008 Apr 22 | 80         | 5         | 2        |
| 2008 Apr 23 | 80         | 20        | 5        |
| 2008 Apr 24 | 80         | 25        | 6        |
| 2008 Apr 25 | 80         | 20        | 5        |
| 2008 Apr 26 | 80         | 8         | 3        |
| 2008 Apr 27 | 80         | 8         | 3        |
| 2008 Apr 28 | 80         | 5         | 2        |
| 2008 Apr 29 | 75         | 5         | 2        |
| 2008 Apr 30 | 75         | 5         | 2        |
| 2008 May 01 | 75         | 10        | 3        |
| 2008 May 02 | 70         | 20        | 5        |
| 2008 May 03 | 70         | 15        | 4        |
| 2008 May 04 | 70         | 10        | 3        |
| 2008 May 05 | 70         | 15        | 4        |

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| 2008 May 06 | 70 | 10 | 3 |
| 2008 May 07 | 70 | 10 | 3 |
| 2008 May 08 | 70 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 May 09 | 70 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 May 10 | 70 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 May 11 | 70 | 8  | 3 |
| 2008 May 12 | 70 | 8  | 3 |

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1404, DXLD)

#### 48 STATES ON VHF

Interesting article on the locations of the 11 hams believed to have contacted all 48 of the contiguous U.S. states on 144 MHz without using satellites or lunar reflection: (i.e., via Es and tropo)

<http://tinyurl.com/3qmfuw>

(Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, WTFDA via DXLD) ###